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Summary

This report summarises work on the ‘generalised empirical approach’ (GEA) developed for air-quality evaluation in the second Auto-Oil programme (AOP-II).

The goal of the GEA is to estimate the size of the urban population living in cities within the European Union, which are not in compliance with air-quality objectives in future years and to estimate additional emission reductions needed to reach compliance.

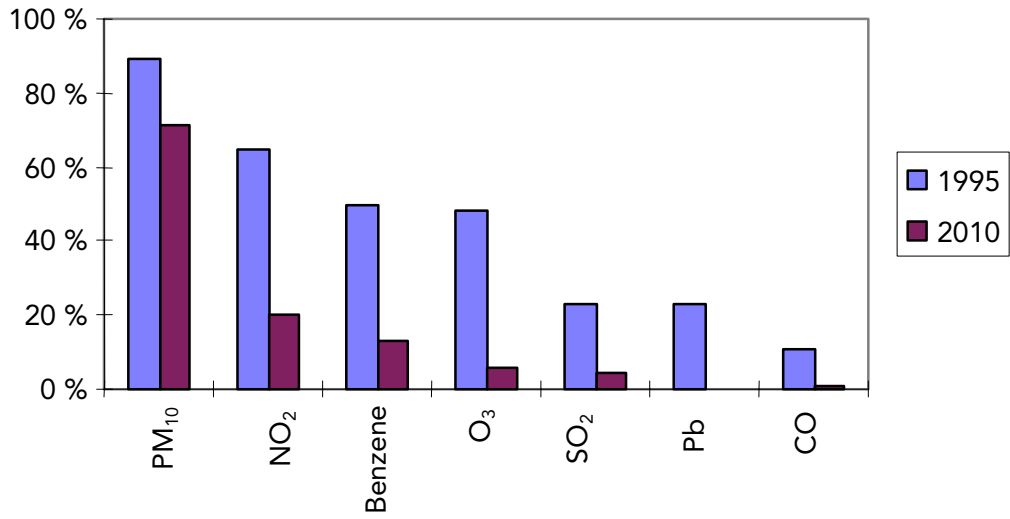
In the GEA study, simple tools are used to calculate, in a consistent way, air quality in a relatively large number of cities. This allows for a generalisation of the results on the scale of the whole European Union. The calculated future air quality provides information on the possible future frequency and severity of exceedance of air-quality objectives and on the fraction of EU urban population potentially exposed.

In this study, the air quality in about 200 urban agglomerations within the EU is calculated for a reference year (1995 or 1990) and for the year 2010, assuming the ‘Auto-Oil II’ programme base case scenarios. The parameter calculated is the urban background air pollution concentration, which is representative of the concentration in most of the urban area, with the exception of places under direct influence of emission sources, such as street traffic.

The air pollutants considered in the GEA study are sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), fine particulates (PM₁₀), lead (Pb), ozone (O₃), carbon monoxide (CO), and benzene; some results are also reported for benzo(a)pyrene (B(a)P). In this report, all these pollutants, except O₃, have been treated as ‘inert’ and chemical degradation at the urban scale was neglected. NO₂ is a special case; its concentration is derived from the concentration of NO_x (handled as an inert species) using an empirical relationship.

The calculated urban background concentrations in the set of 200 modelled cities were combined with urban population data to estimate the fraction of the urban population exposed to concentrations above agreed or proposed air-quality standards. For 2010, this fraction is calculated to decrease strongly compared to the reference year. The calculations indicate, however, that the air-quality standards will still be exceeded in the future; the most serious problems are exceedances of the short- and long-term objectives for PM₁₀ and exceedance of the long-term objective for NO₂. The calculated reductions in exposure of the population following improvements in urban air quality are shown in the figure below.

Urban population exposed in 1995 and 2010



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1. Organisation and scope

This report summarises work on the ‘generalised empirical approach (GEA)’ developed for air-quality evaluation in the second Auto-Oil programme (AOP-II).

This work was performed under the responsibility of the European Environment Agency. The European Topic Centre on Air Quality (ETC/AQ), in collaboration with the European Topic Centre on Air Emissions (ETC/AE), carried out the work as part of the EEA work programme. The institutes contributing to the AOP-II-GEA project were RIVM, University of Thessaloniki, NILU, DNMI (all ETC/AQ), and TNO (ETC/AE).

The work started in January 1998, based on the work plan as presented in Annex C to the paper ‘Methodology proposed for air-quality modelling during Auto-Oil II’ which was agreed in the meeting of AOP II Working Group 1 in January 1998. Progress in the work was reported, presented and discussed in various meetings of the Technical Subgroup on Urban Air-Quality Modelling, and in Working Group 1 (see CEC, 2000) for an overview of the organisational structure of Working Group 1).

The goal of the GEA is to estimate the fraction of the urban population that is living in European cities which may not be in compliance with agreed or proposed air-quality objectives in future years and to estimate additional emission reductions needed to reach compliance.

With the GEA, simple robust tools are used to calculate, in a consistent way, air quality in a relatively large number of European cities. The consistency allows for a generalisation of the results on the scale of the whole European Union. The projected air quality provides information on the frequency and severity of exceedance of air-quality objectives and on the fraction of EU urban population potentially exposed.

In this study, the air quality in about 200 urban agglomerations within the EU is calculated for a reference year (1995 or 1990) and for the year 2010, assuming the AOP II base case scenarios (SENCO, 1999). The key parameter calculated is the urban background air pollution concentration, which is representative of the concentration in most of the urban area, but not for places under direct influence of close emission sources, such as street traffic. Averaging times for the calculated concentrations are in accordance with the air-quality objectives as presented in Table 1.1.

The pollutants considered in the GEA study are sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), fine particulates (PM₁₀), lead (Pb), ozone (O₃), carbon monoxide (CO), and benzene; some results are also reported for benzo(a)pyrene (B(a)P). In this report, all these pollutants, except O₃, have been treated as ‘inert’. Strictly speaking, this is not correct; since all these pollutants, except Pb, are subject to (photo)chemical conversion. However, compared to the residence time over an urban area, the chemical lifetime of these pollutants is large. NO₂ is a special case; its concentration is derived from the concentration of NO_x (handled as inert) using an empirical relationship.

The study is complementary to the more detailed urban impact assessment (see CEC, 2000), since it covers, for the same pollutants, environmental objectives, scenarios and years, and a larger number of cities, assessed with simple models, on

the basis of simplified urban emission estimates. While the simplifications may obviously introduce additional uncertainties, the advantage of the approach lies in its consistency and sample size. In the urban impact assessment study, as applied to the 10 selected cities, the methodology for emission inventory and air-quality model calculation, though state-of-the-art and quite detailed, differs from city to city.

In this report, the results of the GEA study are presented and the methodology is documented. Methods and input data are briefly presented in Chapter 2; for more information, see Annex 1. In Chapter 3, results for the reference case (in most cases 1995, for some pollutants 1990) are discussed and the projected base case results for 2010 are presented in Chapter 4. A discussion on the results and a comparison with the detailed urban impact assessment approach are given in Chapters 5 and 6; conclusions are presented in Chapter 7.

Table 1.1. Environmental objectives used in this study

| Pollutant | Averaging period | AQ standard/objective |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---|
| SO ₂ ⁽¹⁾ | 1 hour | 350 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 24 times in a calendar year |
| SO ₂ (1) | 24 hours | 125 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than three times in a calendar year |
| NO ₂ ⁽¹⁾ | 1 hour | 200 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times in a calendar year |
| NO ₂ ⁽¹⁾ | Calendar year | 40 µg/m ³ |
| PM ₁₀ ⁽¹⁾ | 24 hours | 50 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than seven times in a calendar year |
| PM ₁₀ ⁽¹⁾ | calendar year | 20 µg/m ³ |
| CO ₂ ⁽²⁾ | 8 hours | 10 mg/m ³ |
| O ₃ ⁽³⁾ | daily 8-h max | 120 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 20 days per calendar year |
| Benzene ⁽²⁾ | calendar year | 5 µg/m ³ |
| Pb ⁽¹⁾ | calendar year | 0.5 µg/m ³ |
| B(a)P ⁽⁴⁾ | calendar year | 1 ng/m ³ |

⁽¹⁾ Limit values for the protection of human health from the directive on SO₂, NO₂, PM₁₀ and Pb (1999/30/EC).

⁽²⁾ Limit values for the protection of human health from proposed directive on CO and benzene (document COM(98) 591 final, 1/12/98).

⁽³⁾ Target value for the protection of human health from proposed daughter directive on ozone (COM(99)125).

⁽⁴⁾ Currently no standard for B(a)P has been proposed by the Commission. The Netherlands has set a limit value of 1 ng/m³ as annual mean. WHO estimates the excess risk of dying from cancer following lifetime exposure to PAH as $8.7 \times 10^{-5} (\text{ng/m}^3)^{-1}$. Assuming an annual mean concentration for B(a)P of 1 ng/m³ and assuming that PAH exposure is dominated by B(a)P, this leads to a lifetime risk of about 10⁻⁴. In this study an objective of 1 ng/m³ is used.

2. Methods and input data

2.1. Selection of cities and data collection

2.1.1. Selection of cities

The selection of cities is described in Annex 1. Selection criteria were size (all conurbations with more than 250 000 inhabitants) and availability of air-quality monitoring data. This selection of 120 was extended with about 50 smaller cities with reliable monitoring data.

The selected cities are presented in Map 1 and listed in Annex 2. In Table A1 and Figure A1 in Annex 1, some statistical information on selected cities is presented. The selected cities cover almost 40 % of the EU urban population.

The calculations of ozone concentrations were carried out for a sub-set of 57 cities, including almost all cities with more than 0.5 million inhabitants. On a country basis, these 57 cities represent 55–100 % of the population in cities selected for inert pollutant modelling.

The 10 cities analysed in the urban impact assessment are included in the selection.

2.1.2. Estimation of urban area

For each city the size of the urban area was estimated by the ETC on Land Cover (ETC/LC, Robert Enesund, private communication, 1998) by a procedure described in ETC/LC (1997). Basic input is the Corine land cover data set and the 'major land cover types of Europe' (MLCT) data set. More information can be found in Annex 1.

2.1.3. Collection of AQ monitoring data

Measurement data have been collected from as many of the selected cities as possible for SO₂, NO₂, and particulate matter (PM₁₀) and Pb, covering the years 1992–96.

The sources of the data are mainly the Airbase database (EEA, 1999), the database for air quality in Europe 1993 report (Larssen and Hagen, 1996), data collected by the EC Working Group on Particulate Matter and National Data. For further information, see Annex 1.

2.2. Urban emissions

Urban emissions were estimated using a top-down approach, proposed by the Topic Centre on Air Emissions (EEA, 1996b). While this simple procedure is clearly approximate, it offers the advantage of providing consistent emission estimates for all selected cities in Europe. Estimates were made on the basis of available data:

- national emissions per sector as given in the AOP II base case Version 5 scenario (SENCO, 1999);

- detailed information on emissions from Corinair 90 at a NUTS 3 geographical level and a SNAP1 level of sector detail, available for SO₂, NO_x, CO and VOC (EEA, 1996a).

Emissions for years other than 1990 were not available for any of the pollutants at a NUTS 3 level of detail. Urban emissions for other years were estimated by scaling the 1990 emission data according to the ratio of national emissions (at a SNAP1 level) in 1990 and in the year considered.

Information on 1995 was obtained from SENCO (1999) for NO_x, SO₂, CO, VOC, benzene and PM₁₀; and for B(a)P and Pb from Visschedijk et al. (1999). Additional information on 1994 emissions was obtained from the EEA (1997).

In Annex 1, the methodology is described and results are discussed and compared to available data.

The urban emissions as calculated by these procedures are presented in Annex 3.

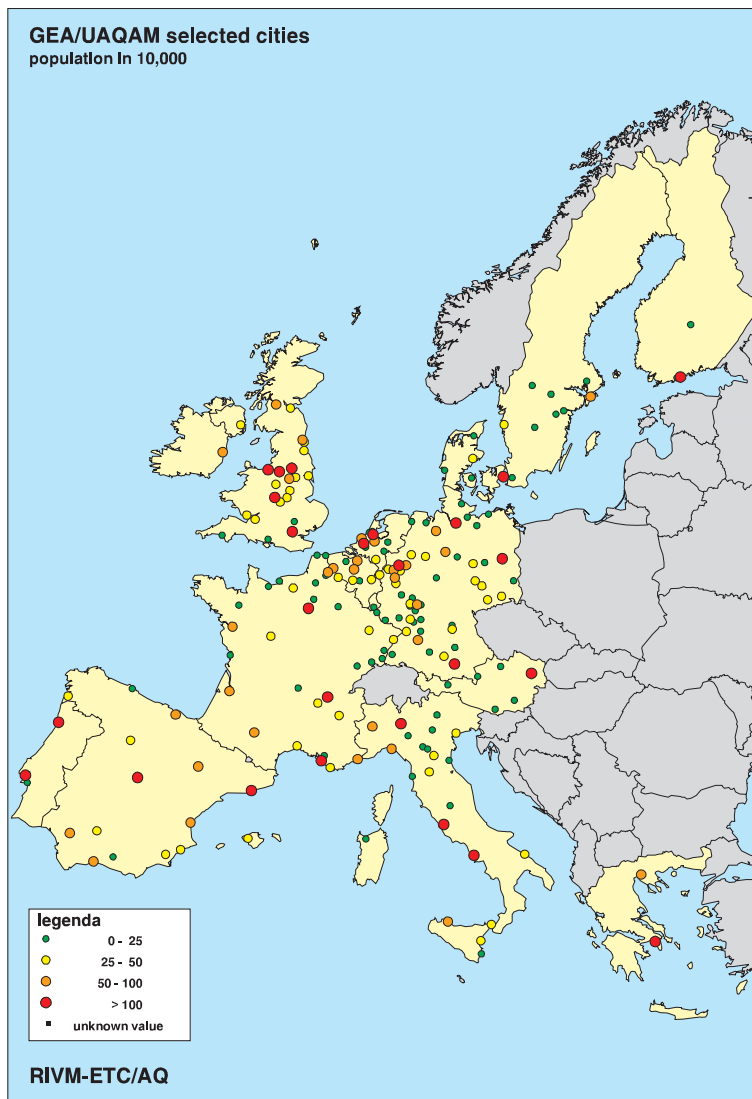
2.3. Air pollution models and background concentrations

In the GEA study, three air pollution models were used for the calculation of air-quality parameters from urban emissions:

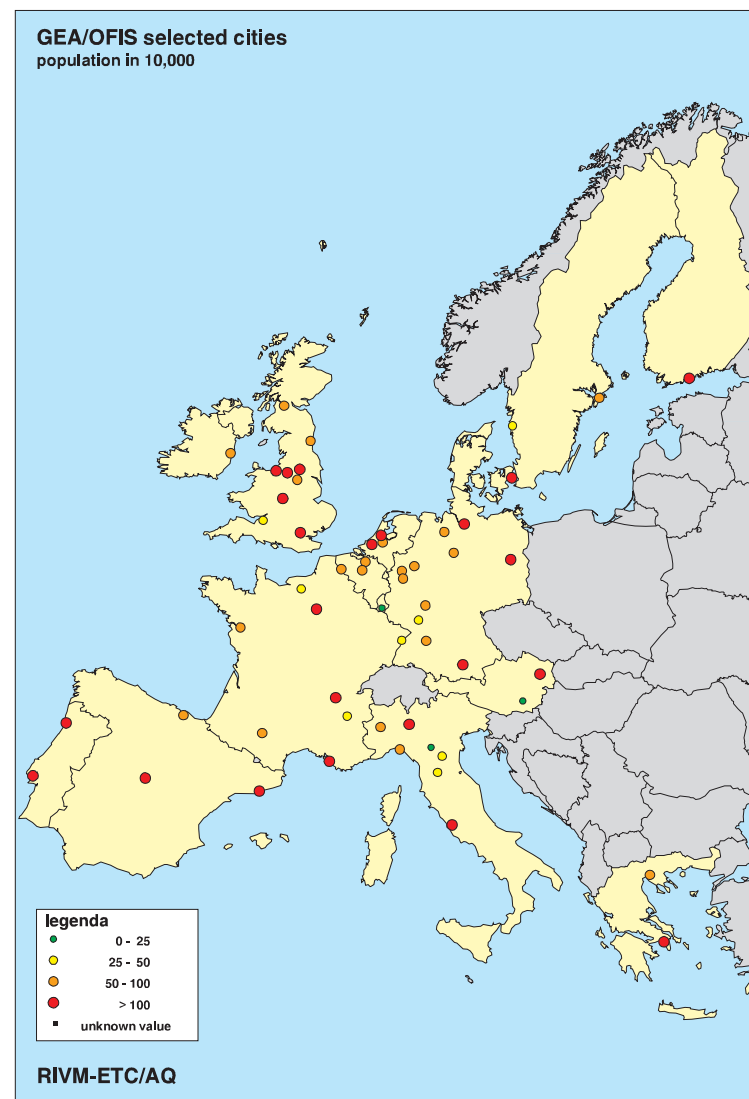
- The cQ model for ‘inert’ species where sufficient monitoring data were available.
- The UAQAM (urban air-quality assessment model) for ‘inert’ species in all cities.
- The OFIS (ozone fine structure) model, which was applied to calculate ozone concentrations for a limited number of cities.

These models are presented and briefly discussed in Annex 1.

Information on background concentrations needed for input to these models is also provided in Annex 1.



Map 1. Selected cities for cQ and UAQAM applications

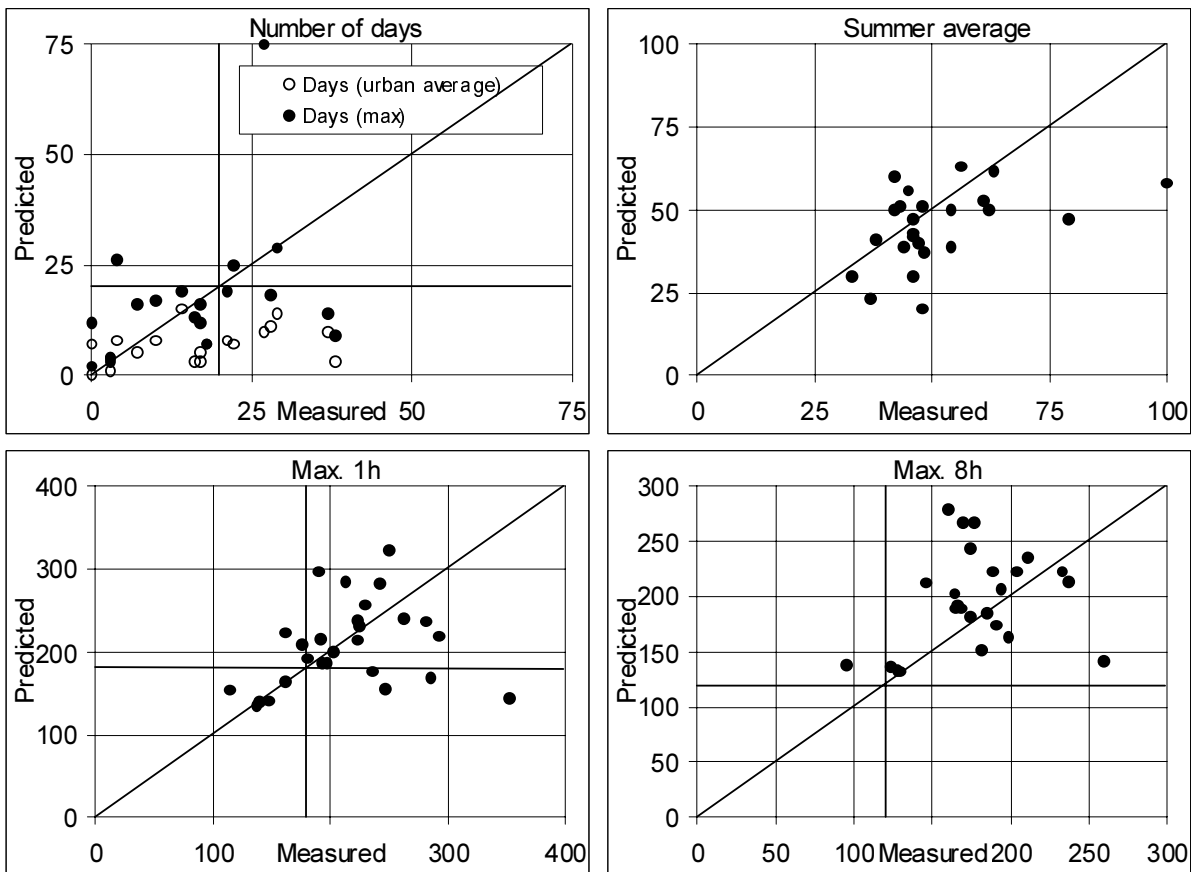


Map 2. Selected cities for OFIS model application

3. Results for the reference case

The reference year is 1995; for lead and B(a)P, no emission data for 1995 are available and 1990 was taken instead. The reference case was modelled using the OFIS model (ozone) and UAQAM (other components). The cQ model was not applied; the measurement data in the reference period were used for parameterisation of the model.

Figure 3.1. OFIS model results for the number of days with the running 8 h mean exceeding $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (upper left; filled circles: maximum number of days; blank circles: urban average), the summer average (upper right), the 1 h maximum (lower left) and the 8 h maximum (lower right) ozone concentrations compared to observations (reference year 1995); the bold lines in the figures refer to air-quality objective (Table 1.1) and to the threshold value for information of the population ($180 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 1 h average)



3.1. Ozone: 1995

Simulations with the OFIS model were performed for each day between 1 April and 30 September 1995 for 57 cities. Both area and elevated emissions are from the SENCO base case (Version 4) on NUTS 3 level of detail for SO₂, CO, NO_x and NMVOC. It was assumed that each city is surrounded by a suburban ring covering the same area as the urban core and thus the total city emissions were subdivided into urban emissions and suburban emissions with the ratio 2:1. Rural emissions were derived from data supplied by the DNMI at a spatial resolution of 50 km by subtracting the city emissions from the overall emissions within the 150 × 150 km² area surrounding each city.

Figure 3.1 shows scatter plots of calculated against observed number of exceedance days for the running 8 h mean exceeding 120 µg/m³, the 1 h maximum, 8 h maximum and six-month averaged ozone concentrations for all urban areas where measurements for 1995 are available. The measured data were taken from the EEA (1998a) and from the Airbase air-quality database (EEA, 1999).

In general, the agreement between model results and observations is satisfactory. However, reported data for Lyon (146 exceedance days out of approx. 180 summer days) appear unrealistic and inconsistent with data reported under the ozone directive. In addition, sites reporting exceedance days for Copenhagen, Essen and Liverpool are not adequately documented. The model results, however, suggest that the sites in those cities do not represent the areas with the highest ozone levels and that sites in Hamburg, Utrecht and Wien represent the regional rather than the urban background.

In spite of sea-breeze effects implemented in the OFIS model for some coastal urban areas, it appears probable that for cities affected by sea breezes, the complexity of the flow field is not fully reflected in the calculated results. However, the disagreement could well be associated with inaccuracies in the emissions (e.g. the urban and suburban VOC emissions for Athens exceed those reported by EMEP for the Greater Athens area, thus leading to zero VOC emission estimates for the rural area around Athens).

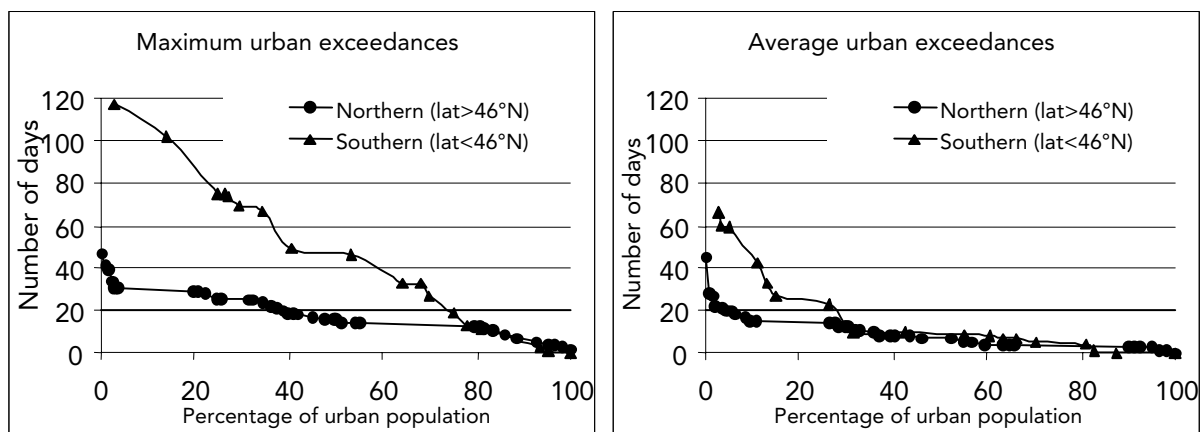
Table 3.1. Statistical analysis for OFIS model results (reference year, 1995)

| | Average observed | Average calculated | BIAS | FB | RMSE | NMSE | FAC2 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------|
| Maximum number of days of exceedance ⁽¹⁾ | 18 | 15 | 3 | 0.13 | 7 | 0.16 | 94 % |
| Summer average (µg/m ³) | 48 | 46 | 1 | 0.05 | 9 | 0.05 | 100 % |
| Maximum 1 h (µg/m ³) | 203 | 214 | - 10 | - 0.05 | 45 | 0.04 | 100 % |
| Maximum 8h (µg/m ³) | 174 | 206 | - 32 | - 0.16 | 49 | 0.06 | 100 % |

⁽¹⁾ No exceedances are observed in Helsinki and Thessaloniki. Those two cities are neglected in the statistical analysis.

A statistical evaluation of the model performance was performed for the above parameters in terms of systematic difference or bias (BIAS), fractional bias (FB), root mean square error (RMSE), normalised mean square error (NMSE) and the fraction of results within a factor of two (FAC2). In this evaluation, a total of three cities (Helsinki, Thessaloniki and Lyon) were excluded since the above-mentioned analysis proved that a comparison between OFIS model results and observations is meaningless. The results of this statistical analysis are presented in Table 3.1 together with the average values derived from the observed and calculated data.

Figure 3.2. Cumulative distribution of days with exceedance of the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone (1995) over the population in the modelled cities in northern Europe (circles) and cities in southern Europe (triangles) (left: highest concentration in the urban area; right: concentration averaged over the urban area); according to the proposed ozone directive, exceedance is allowed on not more than 20 days



The statistical evaluation shows a very satisfactory agreement between model predictions and the available measurements.

Ozone exceedance statistics

Figure 3.2 shows the cumulative distribution of the urban area maximum (left) and urban area average (right) number of days with exceedance of the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone (reference year 1995) versus the percentage of population subject to these exceedances. The distribution is shown separately for cities in northern Europe (cities north of 46°N , marked with circles) and cities in southern Europe (cities south of 46°N , marked with triangles).

Highest maximum values (exceeding 100 days) are calculated for cities in southern Europe. About 75 % of the urban population in southern Europe and about 40 % of the urban population in northern Europe lives in cities where the maximum urban ozone levels exceed the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone for more than 20 days. In the EU-15, 48 % of the urban population lives in non-attainment cities. Referring to ozone concentrations averaged over the urban areas, more than 25 % of the urban population in southern Europe and about 5 % of the urban population in northern Europe is exposed to exceedances of the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone on more than 20 days.

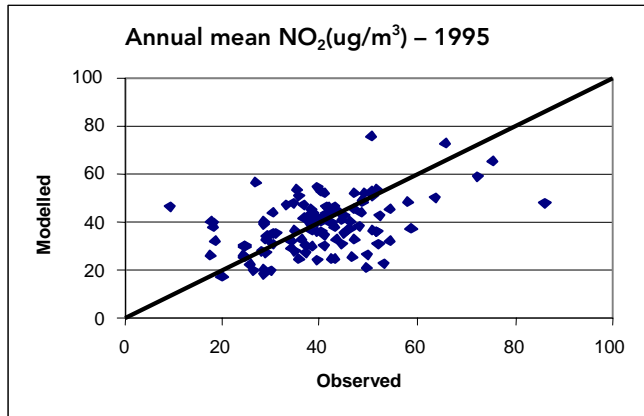
3.2 Nitrogen dioxide: 1995

The UAQAM calculates the urban NO_x concentration as a sum of the background concentration and the contribution from urban emissions. From the calculated NO_x concentration, the NO_2 concentration is estimated using the empirical BUWAL-equation.

Figure 3.3 presents a comparison between observed (period 1992–96) and calculated annual average concentrations. The agreement (with a root mean square error (RMSE) of $12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and 94 % of the deviation within a factor of 2) is reasonable, taking into account limitations in representativeness of the monitoring stations for urban background conditions.

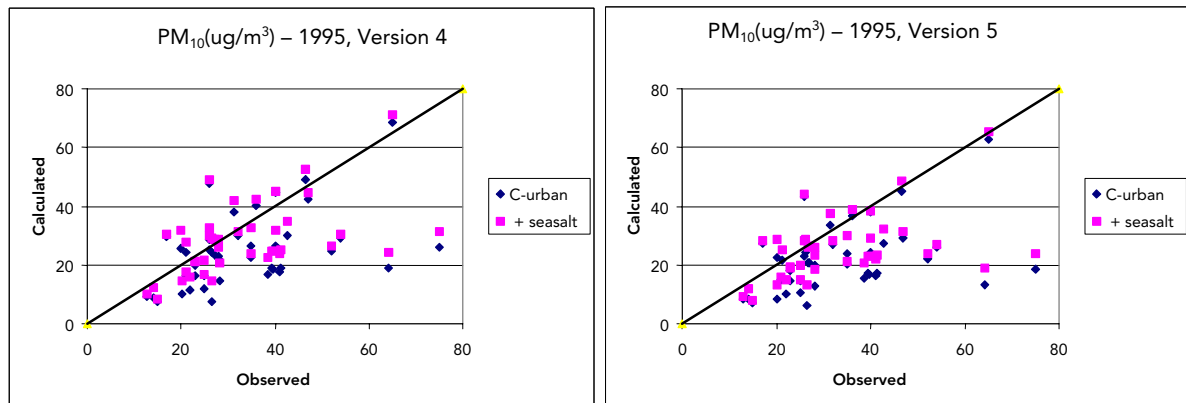
Observations indicate that about 70 % of the urban population is exposed to an annual mean concentration in excess of the objective of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; the model estimates this fraction at 65 %.

Figure 3.3. Observed versus modelled urban NO_2 background concentrations; 1995; the observed concentrations cover the period 1992–96



Observations indicate that about 77 % of the urban population lives in cities where the short-term objective is exceeded. The model estimates this fraction at 5 %. This discrepancy can partly be explained by the difference in population size. NO_2 monitoring data are only available for 60 % of the population included in the model calculations.

Figure 3.4. Observed versus modelled PM_{10} concentrations, 1995



3.3. Fine particulates (PM₁₀): 1995

To illustrate uncertainties in PM₁₀ modelling, model calculations were made both for base case Version 4 as well as base case Version 5 emissions. Version 5 has the lowest emissions; the main differences between the two versions are in the assumed emission factors for tail-pipe and non-exhaust transport emissions and in the estimates for waste incinerators.

Figure 3.4 presents a comparison between observed and calculated concentrations using both sets of emission estimates. Observations cover the period 1992–96. In addition to the modelled urban background concentrations, the contribution of sea salt (Eerens et al., 1998) is included. The scatter in the two plots is too large to draw conclusions on the reliability of the calculated data or the two emission sets. For two cities, the modelled concentration strongly deviates from the observed: Lisboa (observed 75 µg/m³, calculated 23 µg/m³) and Setubal (observed 64 µg/m³, calculated 19 µg/m³). Here, as well as for many other cities, the (semi)-natural contribution of resuspended soil might be of importance.

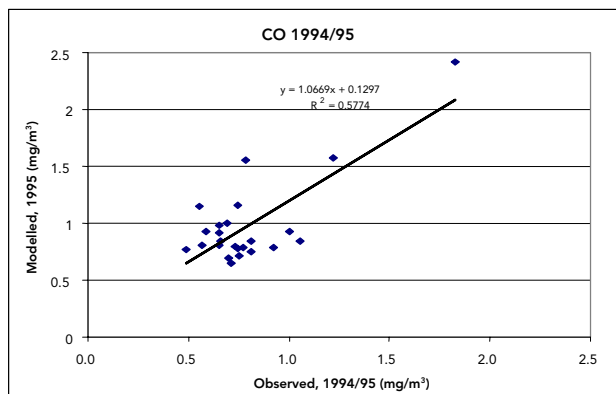
3.4. Carbon monoxide: 1995

For CO, emission estimates for 1995 were made by application of Equation (3) where emission data on country/SNAP 1 level are obtained from the AOP II base case, Version 5 (SENCO, 1999).

A comparison between observed and modelled concentrations is given in Figure 3.5. The observed data are averaged for 1994 and 1995 and obtained for all stations labelled as ‘urban background’ in Airbase. The modelled data refer to a calculation using 1994 data for both emissions and meteorology. In view of the uncertainties in the estimates of the regional background and the uncertainties in the representativeness of the urban stations, there is a reasonable agreement.

Exceedances of the environmental objective (8 h running average of 10 mg/m³) were calculated for 11 cities (14 % of the total population of all modelled cities). All of these cities are located in the southern part of Europe.

Figure 3.5. Observed versus modelled urban CO background concentrations



3.5. Sulphur dioxide: 1995

For SO₂, the urban emissions for 1995 were prepared on the basis of SENCO base case Version 5.

Figure 3.6. Observed versus modelled urban SO₂ background concentrations (left); cumulative distribution of exceedance days of the 24 h average of 125 µg/m³ over the population in the modelled cities; reference year 1995(right)

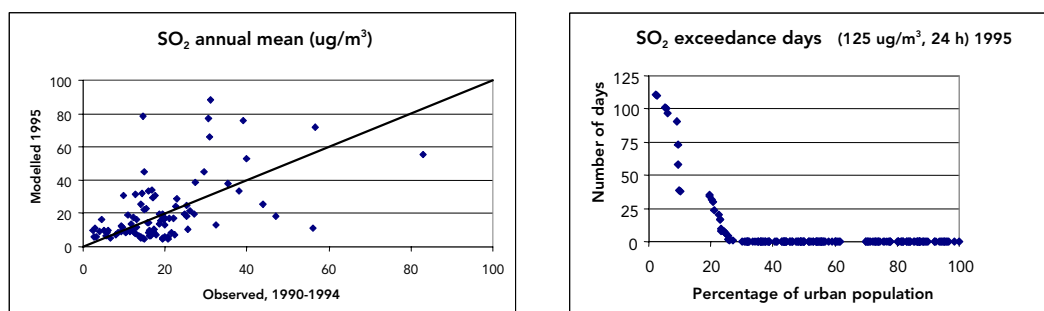


Figure 3.6 presents a comparison between observed and modelled annual mean concentrations. All available annual observations for the period 1990–94 are included and averaged for each site. The modelled concentrations refer to the year 1995, both with respect to emissions and to meteorology. The agreement is reasonable: the RMSE is 16 µg/m³ and 63 % of the data falls within a factor of two.

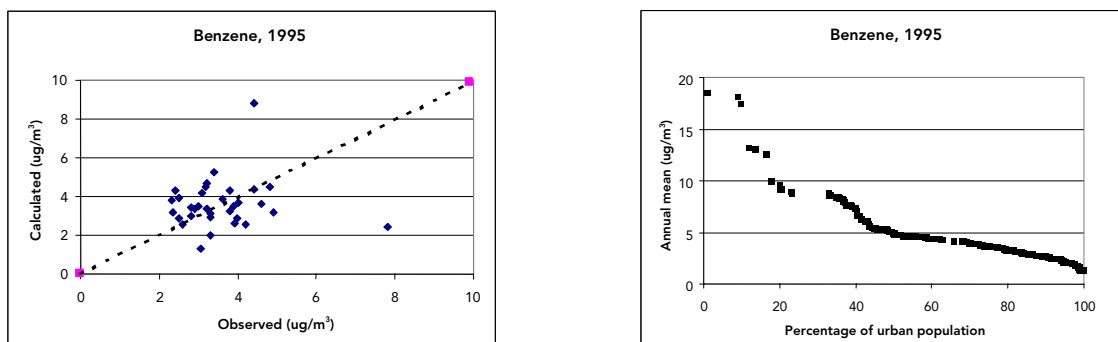
For the reference situation, a frequent violation of both the daily and hourly air-quality objective is noted. Some 25 % of the urban population is exposed more than three times per year to a daily average concentration in excess of 125 µg/m³, see Figure 3.6; for the hourly objective, the percentage of exposed urban population is slightly less (23 %).

3.6 Benzene: 1995

National emission totals per SNAP sector are taken from Version 5 of the AOP II base case. The comparison with observations is limited partly by the scarcity of data and partly by the fact that measurements are frequently made at stations in a traffic environment. In view of these complications, Figure 3.7 shows a reasonable agreement between modelled and observed concentrations.

The cumulative distribution of annual average benzene concentrations over the populations of the modelled cities is presented in Figure 3.7. About 50 % of the urban population in the modelled cities is exposed to city background levels exceeding the threshold value of 5 µg/m³. High concentrations (as, for example, those calculated for Paris) are largely due to an incidental model artefact: extremely high regional background values were calculated from total emissions, including those from Paris.

Figure 3.7 Left: observed and modelled benzene urban background concentrations; right: cumulative distribution of urban background benzene concentrations over population in modelled cities; reference year 1995



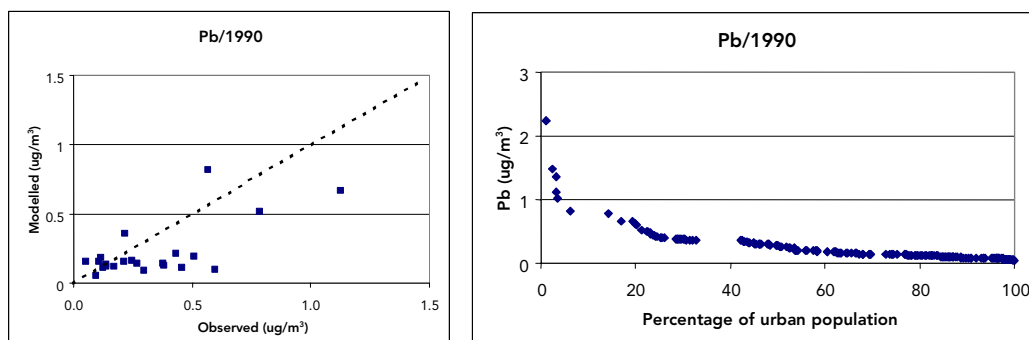
3.7. Lead: 1990

For lead, no information on emissions at SNAP1 level for the individual countries is available for the reference year 1995. The reference calculations have therefore been made for 1990. The modelled concentrations include regional background concentrations obtained by the TREND model.

The comparison with observations (Figure 3.8) is limited by the fact that the measurements are frequently made at stations in a traffic environment. Note that in all calculations, the Spanish emission for SNAP Sector 8 (other mobile sources and machinery) has been corrected (Visschedijk and Smeets, private communication).

Figure 3.8 presents the cumulative distribution of annual mean lead concentrations over the populations of the modelled cities. About 23 % of the urban population in the modelled cities was exposed in 1990 to city background levels exceeding the threshold value of $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Figure 3.8. Left: observed versus modelled urban Pb concentrations; right: cumulative distribution of urban background Pb concentrations over population in modelled cities; reference year 1990



3.8. Benzo(a)Pyrene: 1990

Calculations for B(a)P were made for 1990 as information on emissions for 1995 was not available. Under the current assumptions, modelling of the urban background concentrations results in severe exceedances of the threshold: more than 97 % of the urban population is exposed to an urban annual average B(a)P concentration of more than 1 ng/m^3 . However, the few available measurements for cities in the UK and the Netherlands indicate that, in the urban background, the B(a)P threshold value is not or only slightly exceeded. In the central parts of the EU, the regional background concentrations already exceed the threshold value of 1 ng/m^3 . Only in the periphery of Europe (Greece, Iberian Peninsula, Ireland, Sweden) no exceedances are calculated. However, firm conclusions on B(a)P exposure cannot be drawn from the results of the current study due to major uncertainties in emissions.

The uncertainties in calculated B(a)P concentrations are large. Uncertainties in national emission estimates for PAH range from a factor 2 to 5, mainly because of the uncertainty in data related to domestic (wood) fuel consumption and wood preservation (Berdowski et al., 1997a). Uncertainties in B(a)P national emission estimates are probably no less than those for PAH. Estimation of urban emissions further increases the uncertainty. If, instead of VOC, the NUTS 3 information for one of the other main pollutants is used as a descriptive parameter in the calculations of urban emissions, urban emissions are found to be larger or smaller by a factor of 10. The assumption that residential wood combustion and wood conservation occur only in rural areas adds another factor two to the uncertainties in B(a)P emissions.

4. Projections for base case 2010

In estimating urban emissions for the 2010 base case, an approach similar to the procedure for updating the 1990 emissions to 1995 data was followed, see Equation (1).

$$E_{city,group,2010,X} = E_{city,group,90,X} \times \frac{E_{country,group,2010,X}}{E_{country,group,90,X}} \quad (1)$$

National emissions on SNAP1 level were obtained from SENCO base case Version 5. It should be noted that, in the current procedure, urban emission scenarios simply follow national emission scenarios; specific urban changes in population, built-up areas and in local conditions (e.g. traffic congestion; contribution of traffic emissions to total emissions) are disregarded. If this type of information becomes available for individual cities, emissions can be updated by introducing appropriate adjustment factors.

4.1. Ozone

Figure 4.1 shows the cumulative distribution of the domain average and urban area average number of days with exceedance of the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone in 2010 against the population exposed, presented separately for north and south European cities — calculated with the OFIS model — for meteorological conditions as those of summer 1995. About 15 % of the urban population (two cities) in southern Europe is projected to be exposed to urban ozone levels exceeding the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone on more than 20 days, whereas the number of days with exposure in all cities in northern Europe stays below 20. For the whole of EU-15, 6 % of the urban population is projected to live in non-attainment cities. With regard to the number of days with exceedances averaged over the urban area, the impact of the scenario emission reductions appears to be significant for all European cities under consideration: the model projections show no exceedance of the target value on more than 20 days.

Figure 4.2 shows scatter plots of the year 2010 against the year 1995 calculated number of days with the running 8 h mean exceeding $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and 6-month average ozone concentrations for all urban areas. The results show that for the majority of the cities, the days of exceedances as well as the maximum ozone concentrations (not shown) are reduced considerably from 1995 to 2010. Not surprisingly, the emission reductions appear to lead to higher summer average ozone concentrations in most cities since, under conditions with lower NO_x emissions, there will be a shift in the photostationary equilibrium in favour of more ozone.

Figure 4.1. Cumulative distribution of days with exceedance of the running 8 h average of $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ozone (base case 2010) over the population in the modelled cities in northern Europe (circles) and cities in southern Europe (triangles); left: maximum in the urban area; right: average over the urban area; the bold lines in the figures refer to the proposal for the 2010 limit value

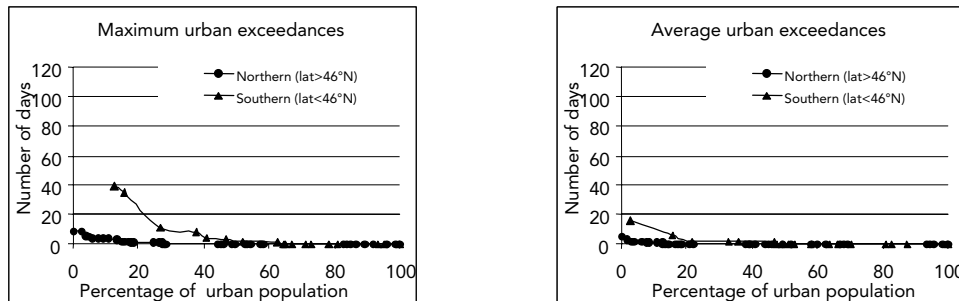
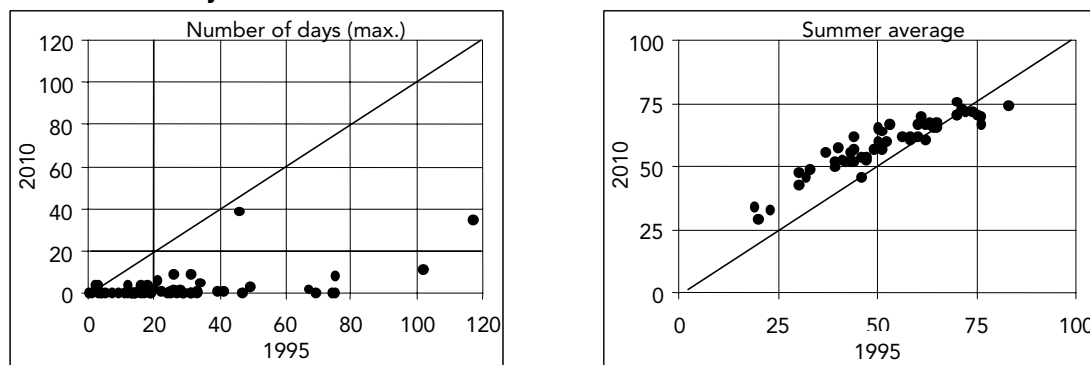


Figure 4.2. OFIS model results (base case 2010) for the days with the running 8 h mean exceeding $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (left), and the summer average (right) ozone concentrations compared to the reference year 1995; the bold lines in the figures refer to the air-quality objectives



4.2. Nitrogen dioxide

4.2.1. cQ model

Future urban annual averages of NO_2 were calculated by the cQ model for cities with sufficient reported monitoring data. Nitrogen dioxide is related to emissions of nitrogen oxides directly using an empirical conversion to nitrogen oxides (DGXI, 1996). This approach is discussed in detail in CEC (1998).

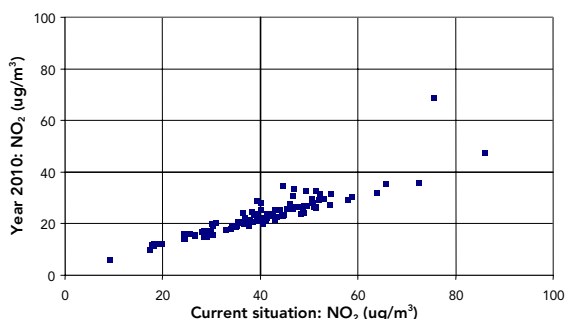
The cQ model is based on annual averages. The conversion factors applied to expand the measurement database of annual averages and to characterise short-term concentrations (CEC, 1998) are given in Table 4.1. The source of the conversion factor for maximum hourly value is the Auto-Oil I study (DGXI, 1996). The environmental objectives in this study are given for hourly values ($200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year, i.e. 99.8th percentile), and for annual average concentration ($40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

Table 4.1. Conversion factors between annual average and short-term characteristics for NO₂; the conversion factor for maximum hourly value was derived in the Auto-Oil I study

| Reported annual statistics: NO ₂ | Average ratios a: annual average = a * annual statistics | Number of site- years used for derivation of a | Standard error of a |
|---|--|--|------------------------|
| 50th percentile of hourly values | 1.06 | 580 | 2.9 * 10 ⁻³ |
| 98th percentile of hourly values | 0.43 | 627 | 2.5 * 10 ⁻³ |
| Maximum hourly value | 0.19 | not available | not available |

The annual average objective is projected to be attained in 2010 in all cities except two (see Figure 4.3), representing 5 % of the population. This result is robust under a sensitivity analysis with conversion factors derived from empirical data.

Figure 4.3. Current (1995) and projected (2010) annual averages for nitrogen dioxide



4.2.2. UAQAM

Urban concentrations for 2010 were calculated for all selected cities. There is a large reduction in urban NO₂ concentration in the projections. Still, for about 19 % of the urban population, the mean value is in excess of the air-quality objective for 2010 (in 1995: 65 %). Here, a discrepancy with the cQ model was found; further work is needed to resolve these differences. A better agreement between the two models is obtained for exceedances of the hourly air-quality objective. According to UAQAM projections, exceedances of an hourly NO₂ concentration of 200 µg/m³ are to be expected in one or two cities. The number of exceedances is, however, less than 18; the objective for hourly NO₂ concentrations is therefore attained in all cities in these projections.

4.3. Fine particulates (PM₁₀)

4.3.1. cQ model

Future urban annual averages of PM₁₀ were calculated with the cQ model for cities with sufficient reported monitoring data. The conversion factors between different statistics for PM₁₀, derived from the measurement database, are summarised in Table 4.2 (CEC, 1998). The factors can be applied to characterise short-term concentrations and environmental objectives.

Table 4.2. Conversion factors between annual average and short-term characteristics for PM₁₀

| Reported annual statistics: PM ₁₀ | Average ratio a: annual average = a * annual statistics | Number of site- years used for derivation of a | Standard error of a |
|--|---|--|------------------------|
| 50th percentile of daily values | 1.14 | 88 | $9.4 * 10^{-3}$ |
| 98th percentile of daily values | 0.4 | 134 | $8.7 * 10^{-3}$ |
| Maximum daily value | 0.28 | 79 | $10.6 * 10^{-3}$ |

According to these conversion factors, the two objectives for particulate matter in this study ($50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as daily average 98th percentile and an annual average of $20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) are fully equivalent. In 2010, the annual averaged concentrations are calculated to be about 20 % lower than current levels (see Figure 4.4). The environmental objectives are estimated to be exceeded for 62 % of the population covered by the database.

4.3.2 UAQAM

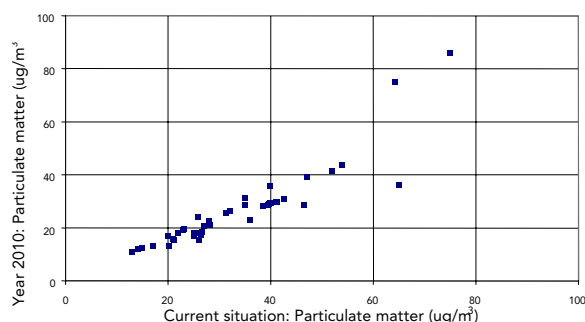
Urban PM₁₀ concentrations for 2010 were calculated by UAQAM for all selected cities using emissions based on Version 4 as well as Version 5 of the base case scenario. An overview of the fraction of the urban population living in cities where the objectives are expected to be exceeded is presented in Table 4.3. In evaluating the objective for annual average PM₁₀ concentrations, a contribution from sea salt (Eerens et al., 1998) was included. There is a reasonable agreement with the results of the cQ model.

Table 4.3. Fraction (in %) of urban population living in non-attainment cities

| Year | Objective annual (¹) | Daily |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1995, Version 4 | 82/93 | 94 |
| 2010, Version 4 | 60/85 | 71 |
| 1995, Version 5 | 70/87 | 89 |
| 2010, Version 5 | 39/52 | 71 |

(¹) Fraction respectively without and with correction for sea salt.

Figure 4.4. Current (reference year 1995) and projected (2010) annual averages for particulate matter



4.4 Carbon monoxide

The base case emissions for CO were obtained from Version 5. Background concentrations were simulated by a log-normal distribution (see Section 2.4).

Under these assumptions, the UAQAM calculations indicate that some exceedances of the 10 mg/m³ level are still to be expected in 2010. Depending on the meteorological conditions, the number of cities with exceedances ranges from two (0.5 % of the total modelled population) to six (1.5 % of the population). The population exposure above threshold (1) varies between 1.1·10⁶ and 2.3·10⁷ person·mg/m³; with respect to 1995, this is a reduction by a factor of 10 or more. Again, exceedances are only modelled for south European cities. The regional background concentrations are based on rather conservative assumptions. When lower background concentrations are assumed, some, but not all, exceedances will be eliminated since, for some cities, the modelled maximum 8 h concentration is just above the threshold value (ranging from 10.2 to 15.7 mg/m³).

4.5 Sulphur dioxide

4.5.1. cQ model

Future urban annual averages of SO₂ were calculated by the cQ model for cities with sufficient data. Statistical conversion factors were applied to expand the measurement database of annual averages (in cases where only other statistics were reported), and to characterise short-term concentrations (CEC, 1998). The environmental objectives for SO₂ in this study are 350 µg/m³ as a 99.7th percentile for hourly values (not more than 24 exceedances per year), and 125 µg/m³ as a 99.2th percentile of daily concentrations (not more than three exceedances per year). The conversion factors for SO₂ statistics are given in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4. Conversion factors between annual average and short-term characteristics for SO₂

| Reported annual statistics: SO ₂ | Average ratios a and b: Annual average = a * annual statistics; annual statistics = b * annual average | Number of site-years used for derivation of a | Standard error of a or . |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| 50th percentile of daily values | a = 1.23 | 745 | 7.5 * 10 ⁻³ |
| 98th percentile of daily values | a = 0.28 | 823 | 3.1 * 10 ⁻³ |
| maximum daily value | a = 0.15 | 761 | 2.9 * 10 ⁻³ |
| 99.7th percentile of hourly values | b = 9.1 | 79 | 2.46 |
| 99.2th percentile of daily values | b = 4.8 | 74 | 1.46 |

The annual average concentrations are projected to be reduced in all cities between 1995 and 2010 (see Figure 4.5). The environmental objective for hourly values corresponds to an annual average of 38 µg/m³, which is exceeded in only one city representing 2 % of the population. The environmental objective for

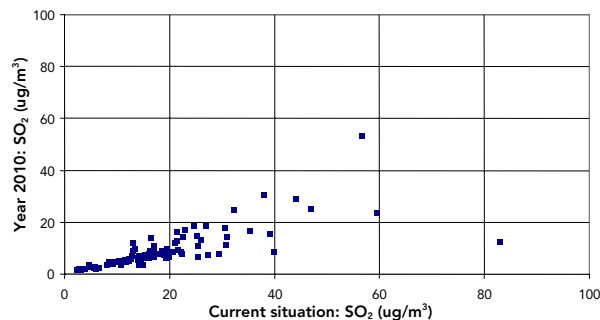
(1) For evaluating the extent of exceedance of environmental objectives, the population exposure above a threshold (PET) is defined as:

$$PET = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{city}} \sum_{i=1}^{E_n} (C_{i,n} - T) pop_n$$

where C_{i,n} is the concentration in excess of the threshold value T in city n during exceedance i; N_{city} the number of cities where an exceedance is calculated; E_n is the number of exceedances; and pop_n is the population of city n. PET is expressed in persons·µg/m³.

daily values corresponds to an annual average of $26 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and is exceeded for 7 % of the population. Industrial hot spots are not taken account of in the calculations, so it cannot be ruled out that there are areas of higher SO_2 concentrations within the cities of the database.

Figure 4.5. Current (reference year 1995) and projected (2010) annual average concentrations of sulphur dioxide



4.5.2 UAQAM

There is a large reduction in urban SO_2 concentrations calculated by UAQAM for 2010. The air-quality objective for the daily averages is exceeded in nine cities (11 % of the population). For a meteorologically more favourable year, 1990, 9 % of the population will be exposed in the 2010 projections.

Results for Athens and Thessaloniki, suggesting frequent exceedances, however, are likely to be wrong ⁽²⁾.

The objective for hourly concentrations is exceeded in four cities (6 % of the population); again the two Greek cities show a high number of exceedances. Exceedances of this objective strongly depend on the meteorological conditions: using meteorological data of 1990 results in projected exceedance in only two cities (3 % of the population).

There is a fair agreement between the forecasts of the cQ model and UAQAM: 7 % versus 9–11 % of the population for the daily objective and 2 % versus 3–6 % of the population for the hourly objective.

4.6. Benzene

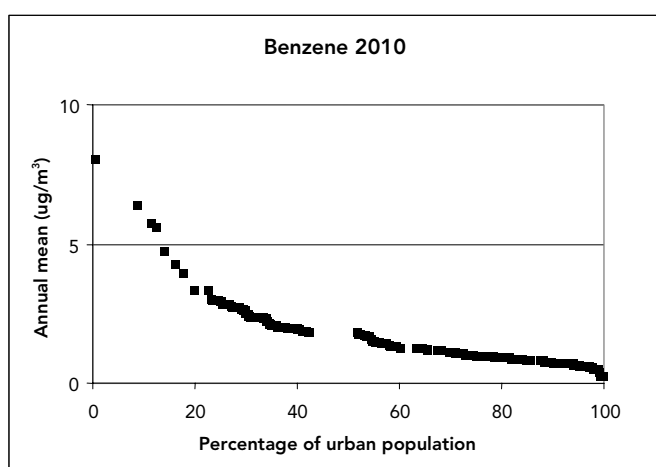
For 2010, emissions for benzene were taken from the AOP II base case, Version 5. The difference between the two versions is mainly in traffic emissions which have a relatively strong impact on urban air quality. The regional background concentrations are obtained by applying a uniform reduction on the TREND calculations for 1995 according to the overall emission reduction in EU-15.

⁽²⁾ A frequent violation during more than 100 days is projected for both Greek cities in the selection for this study, Athens and Thessaloniki. These results are most likely to be wrong. Although the total Greek emissions reduce by more than 60 % between 1995 and 2010 (from 1519 to 541 ktonne/year), the urban emissions increase by about 50 %. The reasons for this difference is that the national reduction is mainly in SNAP Sector 1 (large combustion plants) which is unimportant for both cities whereas emissions by other mobile sources (SNAP Sector 8), which makes a large contribution to the urban emissions, increase strongly (by more than a factor of 2). The Greek submission to Corinair includes emissions from total marine bunker fuel purchased by sea vessels in Greece. The NUTS 3 allocation of emissions from other mobile sources in Athens and Thessaloniki is probably an overestimation, as only a fraction of the fuel will be used in the direct surroundings of the city.

The model calculations indicate (see Figure 4.6) that in four cities (about 13 % of population in the selected cities) the urban background concentrations will still be in excess of the threshold value of $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Not only is the number of people exposed strongly reduced, but so is the exposure level. In 1995, the population-weighted average concentration in cities in excess of the threshold is $10.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; for 2010, a value of $6.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is calculated.

The highest benzene concentration was calculated for Paris. It is most likely that the model overpredicts the concentration due to an overestimation of background levels (see above).

Figure 4.6. Cumulative distribution of urban background benzene concentrations over population in modelled cities; reference year 2010



4.7 Lead

Base case emissions for lead are not included in the SENCO database; here the policy in place (PIP) estimates from the European priority study (Visschedijk et al., 1999) were used. The background concentrations were obtained from TREND calculations (Hammingh, personal communication) using the same PIP emission data. It should be noted that the emission reductions in non-EU countries have been included in these background calculations.

The model calculations indicate that, in 2010, the urban background levels are expected to exceed the threshold value of $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in none of the modelled cities. A similar conclusion is reached when the urban emissions are estimated following the top-down approach.

4.8 Benzo(a)Pyrene

As discussed above, the calculations for B(a)P are too uncertain to derive any firm conclusion for the reference situation. An outlook for urban B(a)P concentrations can therefore not be given. However, if one assumes that the derived policy in place emissions for 2010 (Visschedijk et al, 1999) are, at least in a qualitative way, indicative of the future development of B(a)P emissions, an improvement of B(a)P urban air quality is not to be expected.

5. Discussion

An overview of the results obtained by the various models for the reference year 1995 and projections for 2010 is presented in Table 5.1.

The calculated results for the reference year were compared to measured air-quality data. The comparison of modelled and measured air quality is limited by a lack of (reliable) data. The air-quality database, Airbase, has proved to be a valuable tool but needs further input of air concentration data from Member States. Despite all uncertainties, the modelled air quality is in acceptable agreement with the observations.

The baseline projected emissions for 2010 result in a large improvement in urban air quality. However, exceedances of several environmental objectives are still to be expected. Results for B(a)P are not included in Table 5.1; these results are highly uncertain and no firm conclusion can be made. The objectives for PM₁₀, both short-term and long-term, as well as the NO₂ long-term objectives are projected to be exceeded most frequently in 2010.

Figure 5.1 shows that a large part of the population is simultaneously exposed to above-threshold concentrations of several pollutants. For instance, in 1995, about 25 million inhabitants lived in cities where the objectives for four pollutants were exceeded simultaneously; for more than 40 million inhabitants, concentrations of four or more were above the objectives. In 2010, this number will be reduced to less than 4.5 million according to the projections made in this study.

Urban air quality not only improves in terms of population exposed but also in terms of severity of the exposure. Using the population exposure above a threshold as defined in Chapter 4, the changes in population exposure are presented in Figure 5.2. The figure shows that the PET-values are reduced by at least a factor of 2. Table 5.1 indicates that for PM₁₀ there is a limited reduction in the total population living in non-attainment areas. For the population at risk there is, however, a large reduction in exposure.

Table 5.1. Fraction (in %) of total urban population living in non- attainment cities; environmental objectives are defined in Table 1.1

| Pollutant | Averaging period | 1995 ⁽¹⁾ observed | 1995 ⁽²⁾ UAQAM /OFIS | 2010 ⁽³⁾ cQ | 2010 ⁽²⁾ UAQAM /OFIS |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SO ₂ | 1 hour | 14 % | 23 % | 2 % | 3-6 % |
| SO ₂ | 24 hours | 38 % | 25 % | 7 % | 9-11 % |
| NO ₂ | 1 hour | 77 % | 5 % | 5 % | 0 % |
| NO ₂ | calendar year | 73 % | 64 % | 5 % | 19 % |
| PM ₁₀ | 24 hours | 97 % | 89 % | 62 % | 71 % |
| PM ₁₀ | calendar year | 97 % | 87 % ⁽⁴⁾ | 62 % | 52 % ⁽⁴⁾ |
| CO | 8 hours | | 11 % | - | 0.5- 1.5 % |
| O ₃ | daily 8 h max | | 48 % | - | 6 % |
| Benzene | calendar year | | 50 % | - | 12 % |
| Pb | calendar year | | 23 % ⁽⁵⁾ | - | 0 % |

⁽¹⁾ Fraction estimated from monitoring data. Note that monitoring data are not available for the full set of 192 conurbations.

⁽²⁾ Fraction estimated from UAQAM and OFIS (ozone only) model calculations.

⁽³⁾ Fraction estimated from cQ model calculations.

⁽⁴⁾ UAQAM estimates for PM₁₀ include sea salt contribution.

⁽⁵⁾ Reference year for Pb model calculations is 1990.

Figure 5.1. Urban population simultaneously exposed to concentrations of the pollutants CO, NO₂, SO₂, PM₁₀, benzene or Pb in excess of the air-quality objectives

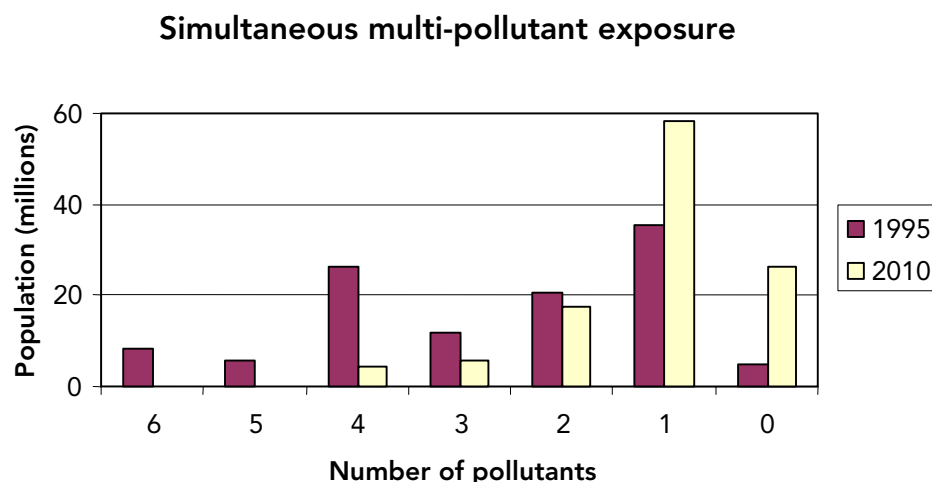


Figure 5.2. Relative changes in population exposure (expressed as PET) for various emission scenarios; the situation in the reference year 1995 is set to unity; air-quality objectives are given in Table 1.1

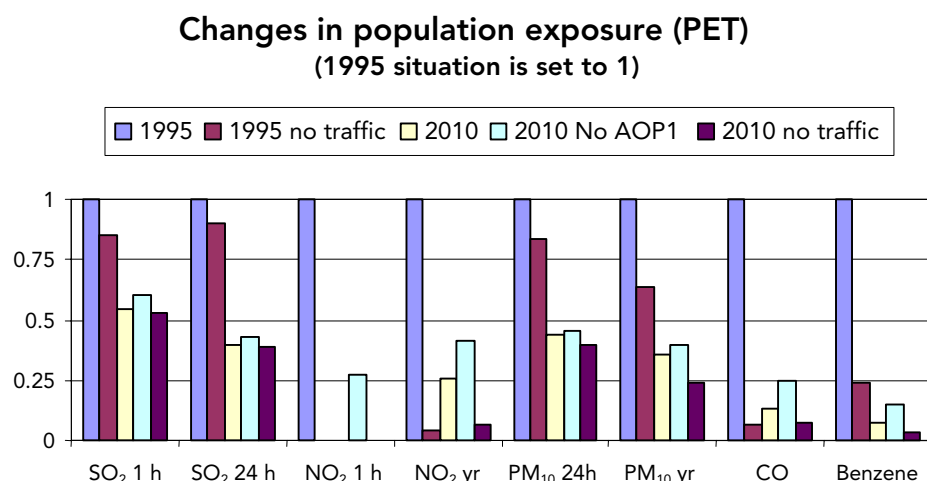


Figure 5.2 also shows the results for a 2010 scenario assuming that the emission reduction measures as defined in the Auto Oil I directives have not been implemented (indicated as 'no AOP1'). In this scenario, emissions for all other categories were taken as equal to the 2010 base case scenario. Comparison of this scenario with the base case situation for 2010 shows the benefits of the Auto-Oil I directives. Large effects are seen for NO₂, CO and benzene; for SO₂ and PM₁₀ the impact of the AOP-I directives is much smaller; for these pollutants other source categories and/or the long-range contributions are more important. This is further illustrated in the sensitivity calculation in which all emissions for road transport have been set to zero (indicated as 'no traffic'). Note that even in this hypothetical no-traffic situation there are still exceedances of the air-quality objectives. Reaching all objectives will only be possible when further abatement measures for other source categories are introduced.

6. Comparison with detailed modelling results

The urban impact assessment coordinated by the Environment Institute of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) concentrated on the detailed examination of air quality in the 10 selected AOP II-cities. Model calculations were performed with a high spatial resolution (about 2 x 2 km) for a period of three to five days. Two periods were selected for the calculations; based on measured 1995 air-quality data, a period with the smallest deviation from the annual mean concentration was chosen as the best period to represent the annual mean conditions. For each city, one period was selected as representative for an annual mean period for the pollutants benzene, CO and NO₂. For the simulation of exceedances of hourly or daily threshold values, a period was selected in which the measured maximum hourly concentration was close to the hourly 98th percentile limit value for CO or NO₂; for PM and benzene, the same period was selected. The periods selected were different for the 10 cities.

A direct comparison between the two methods is difficult as the results have a complementary character. The JRC results have a high spatial resolution but the (surrogate) annual average is based on a limited number of hours. The GEA calculates a city-averaged concentration, but the annual average is based on all hours of the year. Furthermore, the representativeness of the observed data are not always clear. On a pollutant-by-pollutant basis, results of the two approaches are inter-compared below and also compared with observations, with the purpose of seeing whether the two methods corroborate the conclusions on urban exceedances in the EU in 1995 and 2010.

Nitrogen dioxide

In view of the availability of measured data, NO₂ results are discussed here in more detail. In Figure 6.1 and Table 6.1, a comparison between the results of both approaches in modelling the annual average NO₂ concentrations is presented. The full lines in Figure 6.1 give the 1995 and 2010 results using the UAQAM; the cities are ranked according to the 2010 concentration. The variations in the 1995 line illustrate that the impact of the 2010 emission scenario differs from one city to the other. The highest annual mean concentrations calculated in the JRC approach over the city domain (resolution about 2 x 2 km, all data are taken from the draft report (Version 5.0) for the AOP II Contact Group, November 1999) are presented as squares (1995) and triangles (2010). The observed concentrations (period 1992–96) are given as asterisks.

Because of the high spatial resolution, one expects that the maximum concentration from the JRC approach exceeds the city-averaged values of UAQAM in all cases. Generally, this is the case, but even this simple comparison is hampered: the location of the JRC maximum might fall outside the city domain of the UAQAM calculations. This is for example seen in Utrecht; here the maximum concentrations, according to the JRC model, are located in the Amsterdam agglomeration. Striking differences between the two approaches are found for Madrid, Köln and Helsinki. For these cities UAQAM prediction are substantially higher than the JRC results. The observations in Madrid and Helsinki suggest that the JRC underestimates the annual mean in these cities. UAQAM most likely overestimated the concentrations in Köln.

In Table 6.1, the comparison is more directed to exceedances of the threshold value of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. For the JRC results, the spatial extent of the exceedance over the city domain is presented in a simple way. For the UAQAM results, the excess of the concentration over the threshold is indicated. One may safely assume that the spatial extent of an exceedance will increase with increasing concentrations. The actual relation between exceedance area and excess concentration will depend on local conditions; the conclusion that an x % excess concentration results in an exceedance area of x % which might be suggested by Table 6.1, is incorrect.

Figure 6.1. Comparison of modelled NO_2 annual mean concentrations; upper line corresponds to the 1995 results, lower line to the 2010 results from the UAQAM ; squares and triangles correspond to the maximum concentration in the urban domain, calculated by the JRC for 1995 and 2010, respectively; asterisks indicate observed annual means (1992–96); note that Amsterdam has been included in this figure as the JRC calculations for Utrecht indicated that the maximum concentrations are located in the Amsterdam agglomeration and not in the selected inner urban domain of Utrecht

JRC and GEA urban air quality results 1995/2010 for NO_2 annual mean

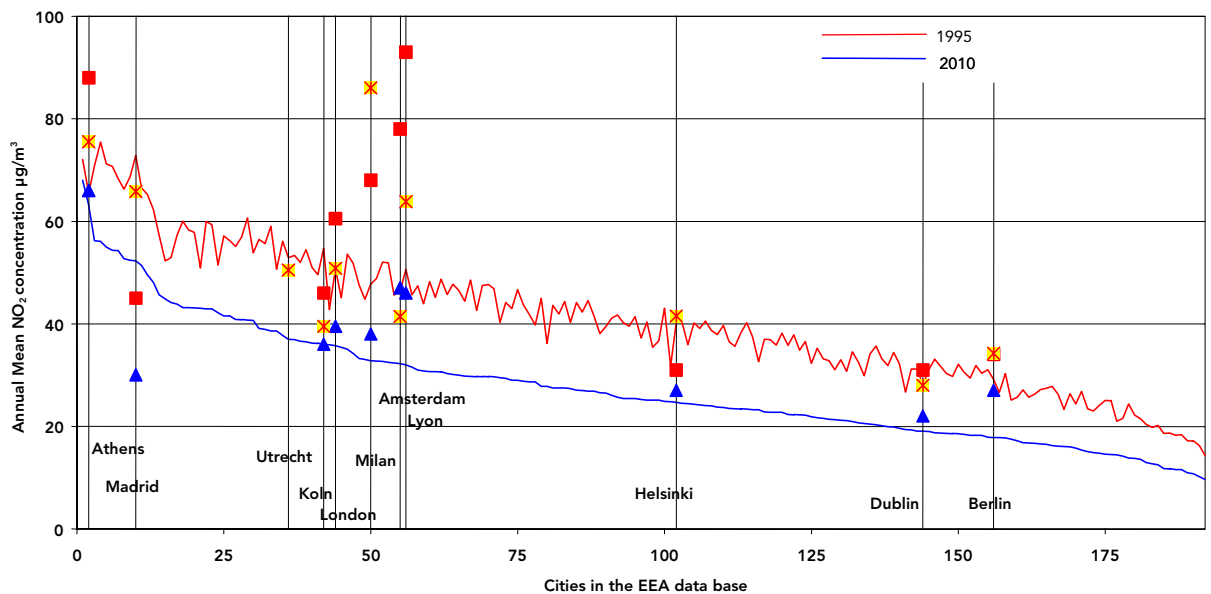


Table 6.1. Comparison between modelled annual mean NO₂ concentrations

| NO ₂ annual mean | JRC | | GEA | | Obs. |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| | 1995 | 2010 | 1995 | 2010 | 1992–96 |
| Athens | ●●●● | ●●●● | ●●● | ●●● | ●●●● |
| Berlin | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Köln | ●●●● | ○ | ●● | ○ | ○ |
| Dublin | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Helsinki | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ● |
| London | ●● | ○ | ●● | ○ | ●● |
| Lyon | ●●● | ● | ●● | ○ | ●●● |
| Madrid | ● | ○ | ●●●● | ●● | ●●● |
| Milan | ● | ○ | ● | ○ | ●●●● |
| Utrecht | ○ | ○ | ●● | ○ | ●● |

Legend to the table:

In JRC calculation, the geographical extent of an exceedance is indicated as follows:

- : no exceedance in the city;
- : exceedance in 0–25 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 25–50 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 50–75 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 75–100 % of the city area.

In GEA calculation and observations, the concentration is indicated as follows:

- : no exceedance in the city (concentration below threshold);
- : concentration 0–25 % above threshold;
- : concentration 25–50 % above threshold;
- : concentration 50–75 % above threshold;
- : concentration more than 75 % above threshold.

Evaluating both approaches on exceedances of the threshold value for annual average NO₂ concentrations reveals different conclusions for Helsinki and Utrecht for 1995: for both cities, the GEA as well as observations indicate an exceedance; according to the JRC calculations, these cities are in compliance. For Madrid, the JRC estimates an area of exceedance of 3 % whereas the GEA predicts a concentration which is about 80 % above the threshold. Measurements in Madrid are about 60 % above the threshold. For 2010, different conclusions are reached for Lyon (an exceedance area of 9 % according to the JRC but compliance according to the GEA) and again Madrid. Both approaches calculate a decrease in concentrations of 30–35 % for Madrid, but in the GEA calculations, the annual average concentration still remains above the threshold.

Table 6.1 shows that for 1995, the GEA indicates more cities to be in exceedance than the JRC analysis. Given the exceedance areas and assuming a population density to be constant throughout the urban domain, it is estimated for 2010 that 12 % of the population in the 10 AOP II cities is exposed to an annual NO₂ concentration above the threshold. The GEA gives a higher estimate (19 %), but this number refers to the population in the GEA set of 192 cities.

With respect to exceedances of the short-term objective for NO₂, both methods conclude that this objective will be attained in all cities in 2010.

Benzene

Similar graphs can be made for comparison of annual average concentrations of benzene (Figure 6.2, Table 6.2). For the reference year 1995, a comparison of the

JRC maximum and GEA city-averaged concentrations shows inconsistencies for Madrid, London and Helsinki. For these three cities, the GEA city-averaged concentration exceeds the JRC maximum. There are insufficient monitoring data to test both model predictions.

Furthermore, the JRC approach predicts substantial exceedances in Berlin (in 52 % of the area) whereas the GEA predicts a concentration just below the threshold ($4.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$); the observations in Berlin indicate an annual average of $3.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. In 2010, the JRC modelling approach predicts limited exceedances (1–2 % of the city area) in Athens, Lyon and Milan; the exceedance in Athens is confirmed by the GEA but it predicts concentrations in Lyon and Milan, which are well below the threshold ($2.4\text{--}2.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

According to the JRC approach, in 2010, less than 0.5 % of the population in the 10 AOP II cities is exposed to benzene concentrations above the threshold. The GEA estimates exceedances in four out of the 192 GEA cities where 12 % of the population is living. If the results for Paris, where concentrations are most likely overestimates (see the discussion above) are excluded, 4 % is found to be exposed to concentrations above the threshold.

Figure 6.2. Comparison of modelled benzene annual mean concentrations; the upper line corresponds to the 1995 results, lower line to the 2010 results from the UAQAM ; squares and triangles correspond to the maximum concentration in the urban domain, calculated by the JRC for 1995 and 2010, respectively; asterisks indicate observed annual means (1992–96); note that Amsterdam has been included in this figure as the JRC calculations for Utrecht indicated that the maximum concentrations are located in the Amsterdam agglomeration and not in the selected inner urban domain of Utrecht

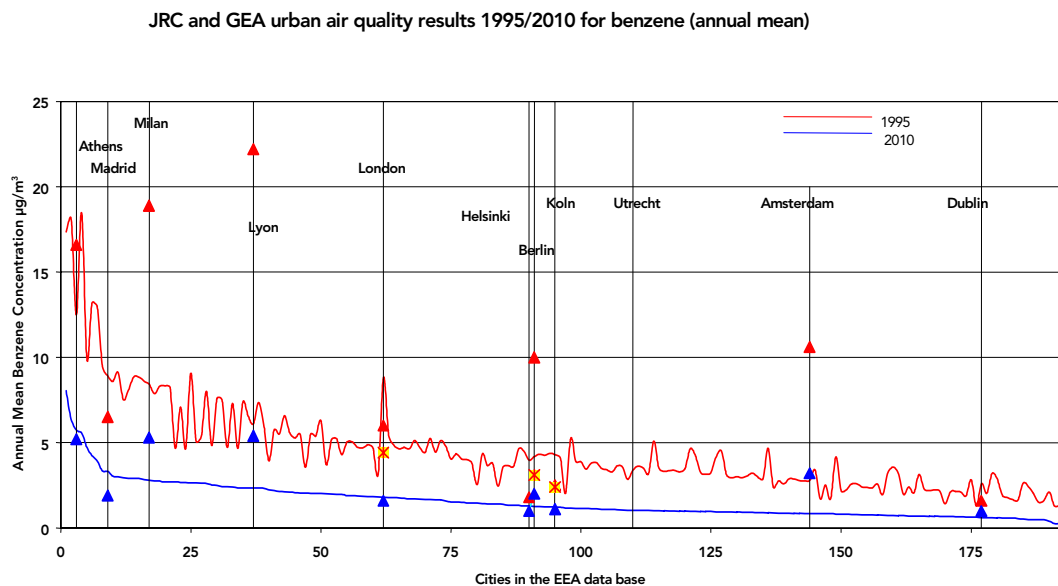


Table 6.2. Comparison between modelled annual mean benzene concentrations

| Benzene annual mean | JRC | | GEA | | Obs. |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| | 1995 | 2010 | 1995 | 2010 | 1992–96 |
| Athens | ●●● | ● | ●●●● | ● | - |
| Berlin | ●● | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Köln | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Dublin | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | - |
| Helsinki | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | - |
| London | ● | ○ | ●●●● | ○ | ○ |
| Lyon | ●● | ● | ● | ○ | - |
| Madrid | ● | ○ | ●●●● | ○ | - |
| Milan | ●● | ● | ●●● | ○ | - |
| Utrecht | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | - |

Legend to the Table:

In JRC calculation, the geographical extent of an exceedance is indicated as follows:

- : no exceedance in the city;
- : exceedance in 0–25 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 25–50 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 50–75 % of the city area;
- : exceedance in 75–100 % of the city area.

In GEA calculation and observations, the concentration is indicated as follows:

- : no exceedance in the city (concentration below threshold);
- : concentration 0–25 % above threshold;
- : concentration 25–50 % above threshold;
- : concentration 50–75 % above threshold;
- : concentration more than 75 % above threshold.

Carbon monoxide

A direct comparison of CO concentrations is not possible due to the differences in time averaging (8 h maximum versus annual mean) but a comparison of compliance with CO standard has been made. In 1995, the south European cities, Athens, Lyon and Milan, have an exceedance area of 6–24 % following the JRC calculations. The GEA also predicts exceedances in south European cities. However, out of the 10 AOP II cities, only for Madrid is a breach of the CO threshold calculated. For 2010, there is an excellent correspondence: no exceedances are predicted in the 10 cities by both approaches.

Fine particulates PM₁₀

PM₁₀ comparison is hardly possible, since different components have been modelled in the two studies. In the JRC approach, only the primary emitted fraction has been considered, whereas in the primary and secondary GEA, aerosol are accounted for. The JRC results suggest that around half of the 10 AOP II cities would exceed the annual average objective of 20 µg/m³ in 2010; the GEA indicates that more than 50 % of the population living in the cities modelled by the GEA is exposed to above-threshold concentrations. Although there are large uncertainties in the emission estimates and PM₁₀ results must therefore be seen as tentative. Both studies clearly indicate that PM₁₀ exposure is presently and in the next decade one of the major issues in urban air quality.

Ozone

Reporting of the JRC simulations of urban ozone had not been finalised at the time of writing of this report.

7. Conclusions

In the current (1995) situation, a large fraction of the urban population is exposed to concentrations of one or more pollutants which are in excess of the air-quality objectives set for the year 2010. The current study indicates that the situation will be much improved in 2010 under the AOP II base case scenario but a full compliance with all the objectives is not expected. Full compliance can only be realised by means of additional reductions for source categories other than road transport. However, especially for NO₂, CO, and benzene there are clear benefits from the Auto-Oil I directives.

The generalised empirical approach (GEA) is a simple modelling methodology by which the urban air quality in a large number of cities can be evaluated for a range of pollutants.

The top-down GEA to estimating urban emissions from national totals may not accurately reflect the actual situation in every city considered but comparison with emission data otherwise obtained from inventories nevertheless indicates that the approach is reasonably robust. Further work on estimation of urban emissions is needed to reduce uncertainties.

Despite all uncertainties, the modelled air quality for the reference year is in acceptable agreement with the available observations. The comparison of modelled and measured air quality is limited by a lack of (reliable) data. The air-quality database Airbase has proved to be a valuable tool but needs further input of air-quality data from Member States.

Results from the GEA were compared with the urban impact assessment carried out by the JRC in the Auto-Oil II air-quality study. The JRC used state-of-the-art modelling techniques and ultra-high resolution urban emission inventory results. The results of the two studies, although sometimes quite different for specific cities and pollutants, lead to largely similar conclusions with regard to exceedances in 2010.

This study has demonstrated that the GEA can provide relevant information for those concerned with framing and implementing environmental policies at the European level.

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Annex 1: Methods and input data

A1. Selection of cities and data collection

A1.1. Selection of cities

Since the Auto-Oil programme aims at the development of traffic-related air-quality improvement measures, no attempts have been made to include all cities where exceedances might occur due to industrial emissions (industrial hot spots). Selection criteria were size (all conurbations with more than 250 000 inhabitants) and availability of air-quality monitoring data.

From lists of human settlements with more than 50 000 inhabitants in Europe obtained from WHO-ECEH, Bilthoven, and from the UN Statistical Division (UN, 1997), all cities in the EU-15 Member States with more than 250 000 inhabitants (120 cities) were selected. This list of 120 cities has been extended with a number of smaller cities (about 50) with reliable monitoring data based on a recent update of Airbase (EEA, 1999). Availability of CO data was disregarded in the selection of cities, since exceedances of air-quality objectives for this pollutant were not expected.

Table A1. Total population, urban population (EEA, 1998) and total population in selected cities and the fraction of urban population of the total urban population in each Member State; population numbers are given in 1 000s.

| Country | Total | Urban | Selected ⁽¹⁾ | % ⁽³⁾ | Selected ⁽²⁾ |
|----------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Austria | 8 045 | 5 176 | 2 332 | 45 | 1 778 |
| Belgium | 10 128 | 9 823 | 2 763 | 28 | 1 628 |
| Denmark | 5 224 | 4 451 | 2 043 | 46 | 500 |
| Finland | 5 106 | 3 225 | 1 268 | 39 | 1 016 |
| France | 58 103 | 43 385 | 21 368 | 49 | 14 975 |
| Germany | 81 594 | 70 575 | 21 272 | 30 | 11 192 |
| Greece | 10 453 | 6 193 | 3 822 | 62 | 3 822 |
| Ireland | 3 546 | 2 039 | 916 | 45 | 916 |
| Italy | 57 205 | 38 113 | 11 020 | 29 | 6 730 |
| Luxembourg | 407 | 363 | 76 | 21 | 76 |
| Netherlands | 15 482 | 13 775 | 5 034 | 37 | 2 803 |
| Portugal | 9 815 | 3 493 | 2 936 | 84 | 2 832 |
| Spain | 39 627 | 30 297 | 11 030 | 36 | 6 152 |
| Sweden | 8 788 | 7 303 | 2 111 | 29 | 1 325 |
| United Kingdom | 58 079 | 51 821 | 24 624 | 48 | 20 545 |
| EU-15 | 371 602 | 290 032 | 112 614 | 39 | 76 290 |

⁽¹⁾ Population in cities selected for inert species calculations.

⁽²⁾ Population in cities selected for ozone calculations.

⁽³⁾ Percentage of urban population in selected cities relative to total urban population (column 3).

The selected cities are presented in Map 1 and listed in Annex 2. In Table A1 and Figure A1, some statistical information on selected cities is presented.

The calculations of ozone concentrations were carried out for a sub-set of 57 cities, including almost all cities with more than 0.5 million inhabitants, see Figure A1. The 10 cities analysed in the urban impact assessment (Athens, Berlin, Köln, Dublin, London, Lyon, Helsinki, Madrid, Milan/Reggio Emilia, Utrecht) are included in the selection.

Table A1 gives an overview of the total population in the selected cities for each of the Member States. Data on total and urban population in the Member States is from the EEA (1998). The selected cities cover almost 40 % of the EU urban population. On a country basis, the 57 cities selected for the ozone calculations represent 55–100 % of the population in cities selected for inert pollutant modelling.

A1.2. Estimation of urban area

For each city the size of the urban area was estimated by ETC on Land Cover (ETC/LC, Robert Enesund, private communication, 1998) by a procedure described in ETC/LC (1997). Basic input is the Corine land cover data set and the 'Major land cover types of Europe' (MLCT) data set. The MLCT data set is used here, since Corine data are unavailable for some countries. In the evaluation of area, typical urban land cover classes are considered. When urban polygons are less than 200 metres apart, they are assumed to be from the same urban agglomeration. The distance between some cities is so small that, under this procedure, some cities merge into urban agglomerations.

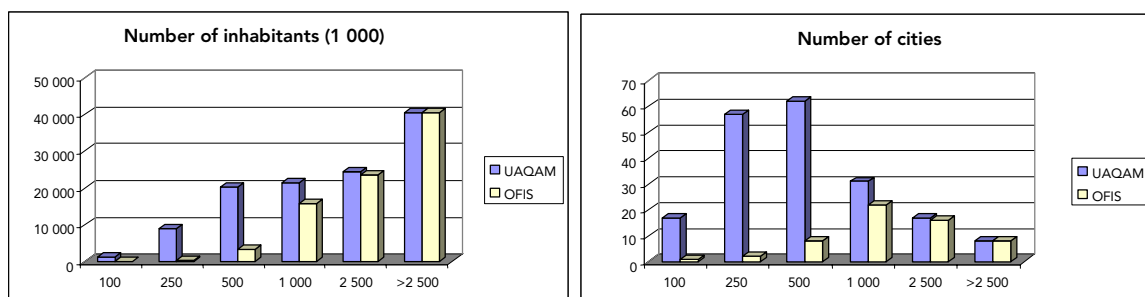
The procedure failed to produce a meaningful result for Helsinki, a city that is highly fragmented. The urban area of the Helsinki agglomeration was set at 242 km² (Sluyter, 1995).

The size of the built-up area is a critical parameter in air-quality modelling which is difficult to validate. Correlation between the Corine and the MLCT-based estimates of urban area is good, but the MLCT estimates are systematically 25–30 % larger.

Population densities were calculated and analysed. For Murcia (Spain) and Braunschweig (Germany), some obvious data errors were found, and urban area data were corrected.

In comparison to other estimates (e.g. Sluyter, 1995), the population densities used in the present study appear to be relatively high, with a large scatter. Since population data are in reasonable agreement between the two studies, the urban area estimates may be too low. The uncertainties are, however, large. Further work on urban area characteristics, such as built-up area, is therefore required to reduce uncertainties.

Figure A1. Frequency distribution of selected cities; on the horizontal axis, the number of inhabitants is given in 1 000s; note that for the first five classes the upper value of the population range is indicated



A1.3. Collection of AQ monitoring data

Measurement data have been collected from as many of the selected cities as possible for SO₂, NO₂ and particulate matter (PM₁₀) and Pb, covering the years 1992–96. For NO₂, the measurement database contains 953 site-years of data for the annual average and 592 site-years of data for 1 hour maximum concentrations. For calculating averages, only cities with more than one site-year of data have been selected. Measurement sites classified as directly influenced by traffic (kerb site, road site) were excluded. The information on station classification is, however, not always available and not always reliable, which may result in bias in the concentrations relative to the urban background concentrations.

In the case of particulate matter (PM₁₀), 204 site-years were collected for annual average concentrations and 148 site-years for reported maximum 24-h concentrations. In order to give a clearer picture of the composition of emission sources in the selected cities, a database of SO₂ measurements, covering the period 1990–94, has also been used. The urban population covered by the database is summarised in Table A2.

Table A2. Urban population covered by the measurement database

| | NO ₂ | PM ₁₀ | SO ₂ |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Data for annual average concentrations | 88.9 million | 51.7 million | 72.6 million |
| Data for maxima (1 h for NO ₂ and SO ₂ , 24 h for PM ₁₀) | 68.4 million | 45.6 million | 36.6 million |

The sources of the data are mainly the Airbase database (EEA, 1999), the EEA/ETC-AQ database for air quality in Europe 1993 report (Larsen and Hagen, 1996), and national data (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, UK). For PM₁₀, the database also consists of data collected by the Regional Policies and Cohesion DG Working Group on Particulate Matter. References to these data sources are summarised in Table A3. Benzene and B(a)P are not yet included in Airbase; monitoring data have been obtained from the benzene position paper and from various national data sources.

Table A3. Sources of city air-quality data

Sources of urban air quality data for NO₂, PM₁₀ and SO₂:

1. Airbase (EEA ETC/AQ).
2. UK monitoring data, downloaded in January 1999 from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (<http://www.aeat.co.uk/netcen/airqual>).
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Since data were generally scarce, empirical conversion factors were used to interconvert statistics; for instance, if 98 percentile values were needed and annual averages were available for certain stations only, the annual averages were converted by taking the average ratio between 98 percentile and annual average for stations where both statistics were available. This procedure was adopted for the cQ model.

A2. Urban emissions

A2.1. Top-down approach

Urban emissions were estimated using a top-down approach, proposed by the Topic Centre on Air Emissions (EEA, 1996b). While this simple procedure is clearly approximate, it offers the advantage of providing consistent emission estimates for all selected cities in Europe. Estimates were made on the basis of available data:

- national emissions per sector as given in the Auto-Oil base case scenario (SENCO, 1999);
- detailed information on emissions from Corinair 90 at a NUTS 3 geographical level and a SNAP1 level of sector detail, available for SO₂, NO_x, CO and VOC (EEA, 1996a).

Corinair defines source categories of air emissions in the *Selected nomenclature for sources of air pollution* (SNAP). The 375 detailed SNAP3 level sources can be aggregated into 77 source sub-sectors (SNAP2) and further into 11 main sectors (SNAP1) as given in Table A4.

The top-down approach is different for large point sources and for low-level area sources. Large point sources with known coordinates were allocated to a city when their distance to the city centre is less than the radius of the city. The radius was estimated from the urban surface area (see section A1) approximating the city area to a circle.

For the area sources, the top-down approach involved scaling of NUTS 3 emission estimates to a local level through the use of indicators of the proportion of a particular activity occurring in the specified local area. For each city, the urban emission was estimated following this pro rata approach according to:

$$E_{city,group,90,X} = E_{NUTS3,group,90,X} \times \frac{S_{city,group}}{S_{NUTS3,group}} \quad (1)$$

where:

- X is one of the pollutants SO_2 , NO_x , CO or VOC ,
- $E_{city,group,90,X}$ is the urban emission of pollutant X related to a specific economic sector (i.e. specific SNAP-code) for the reference year 1990,
- $E_{NUTS3,group,90,X}$ is the NUTS 3 emission of pollutant X for this sector and
- $S_{city,group}$ and $S_{NUTS3,group}$ are statistical indicators related to this sector at the urban and NUTS 3 level, respectively.

Table A4. Definition of SNAP1 sectors (EEA, 1997)

| code | Name |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Combustion in energy and transformation industries |
| 2 | Non-industrial combustion plants |
| 3 | Combustion in manufacturing industry |
| 4 | Production processes |
| 5 | Extraction and distribution of fossil fuels/geothermal energy |
| 6 | Solvent and other product use |
| 7 | Road transport |
| 8 | Other mobile sources and machinery |
| 9 | Waste treatment and disposal |
| 10 ⁽¹⁾ | Agriculture and forestry, land use and woodstock change |
| 11 ⁽¹⁾ | Nature |

(a) In estimating urban emissions, all emissions from SNAP Sectors 10 and 11 are excluded.

In the current application, the population was used as a proxy for the statistical indicator for all sectors. Emissions from agriculture and nature were assumed to occur in rural areas and were excluded from the urban emissions.

For some pollutants (benzene, B(a)P, Pb and PM_{10}), disaggregated emissions on a NUTS 3 level were not available. For these components only national totals (reference year 1990) disaggregated at a SNAP1 level were available (Berdowski et al., 1997a; Berdowski et al., 1997b; Visschedijk et al., 1999; SENCO, 1999). To estimate urban emissions for these pollutants it might be assumed that the geographical distribution at NUTS 3 level follows the distribution of one of the other pollutants. Urban emissions were then calculated by appropriate scaling:

$$E_{city,group,90,Z} = \left\{ E_{NUTS3,group,90,X} \times \frac{E_{country,group,90,Z}}{E_{country,group,90,X}} \right\} \times \frac{S_{city,group}}{S_{NUTS3,group}} \quad (2)$$

where

- Z is benzene, B(a)P, Pb or PM_{10} ,
- $E_{country,group,90,X}$ is the national total emission of pollutant X (SO_2 , NO_x , CO or VOC) for the sector *group*.

However, the sector split at EU-15 level for each of the pollutants benzene, B(a)P, Pb and PM_{10} is quite different from the sector splits of the classical compounds SO_2 , NO_x , CO and VOC (SENCO, 1999; Berdowski et al., 1997a; Visschedijk et al., 1999). Since it is not expected that the differences in pollutant sector splits will be more alike at national level, urban emissions for these compounds were estimated

following an approach developed by Visschedijk et al. (1999) in preparing emissions of heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants in the framework of the EEA report 'Environment in the European Union at the turn of the century' and the Environment DG commissioned study 'Economic assessment of priorities for a European environmental policy plan'. As indicated above, point sources were attributed to a city depending on their location and the location and size of the city. A proxy, indicating the ratio between the population of the city and the total population of the country was used to apportion area sources to cities. To account for the differences in traffic characteristics between urban and rural area, country specific, pollutant specific correction factors were introduced.

Scaling of emissions to other years

Emissions for years other than 1990 were not available for any of the pollutants at a NUTS 3 level of detail. Urban emissions for 1995 were estimated by scaling the 1990 emission data according to the ratio of national emissions (at a SNAP1 level) in 1990 and 1995, see Equation (3):

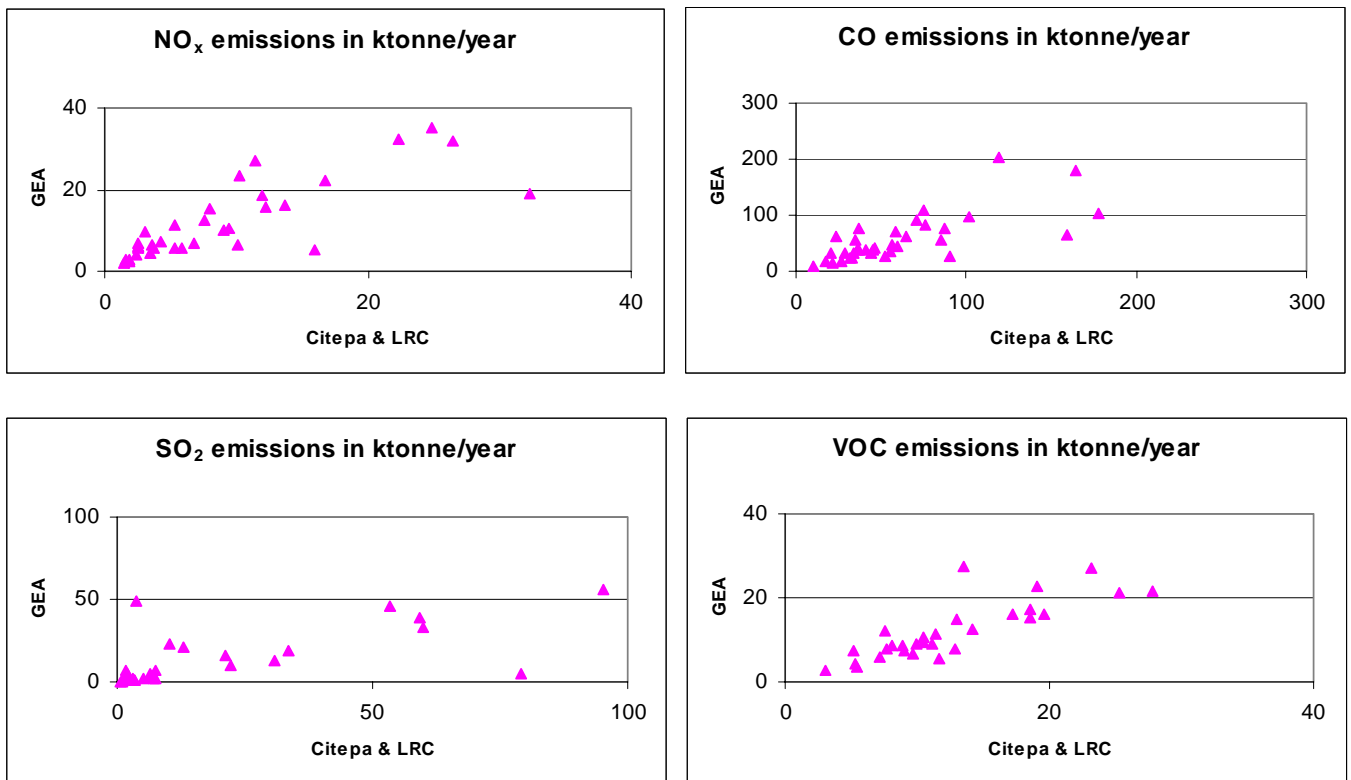
$$E_{city,group,95,X} = E_{city,group,90,X} \times \frac{E_{country,group,95,X}}{E_{country,group,90,X}} \quad (3)$$

Information on 1995 was obtained from the AOP II base case Version 5 (SENCO, 1999) for NO_x, SO₂, CO, VOC, benzene and PM₁₀; and for B(a)P and Pb from Visschedijk et al. (1999). Additional information on 1994 emissions was obtained from EEA (1997).

The urban emissions as calculated by these procedures are presented in Annex 3.

For the ozone calculations, further processing of urban emissions was necessary. A default VOC split for each of the 11 Corinair source sectors was supplied by DNMI (Sector 7 (road traffic emissions) is a mixture of gasoline and diesel). The diurnal variations of emissions for various source categories were taken from the AOP I study for the seven countries considered (i.e. France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom). Urban emissions in Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden were assumed to have the same diurnal variation as Germany, Luxembourg as in France, Belgium as in the Netherlands, Portugal as in Spain and Ireland as in the United Kingdom.

Figure A2. Comparison between urban emission estimates in a number of cities in France and the UK and this study (GEA)



A2.2. Sensitivity analysis and validation

The allocation of point sources critically depends on the assumed size of the urban area. This effect was investigated in two sensitivity runs for urban NO_x emissions recalculated (1) with an urban radius increased by 5 km; and (2) with a uniform increase in radius of 10 %. The results indicate that for small cities, the 5 km increase may have a large effect since it may easily lead to a doubling of the urban area. However, for the vast majority of cities, the sensitivity calculation results in emission differences not exceeding 10 %. For major French cities, urban emissions were also calculated by Citepa (Fontelle et al., 1997). In the UK, the London Research Centre has collected emission data for eight cities. A comparison (see Figure A2) shows a reasonable agreement between the GEA and the independent French and British estimates. The largest differences are found in the SO₂ emission estimates, most probably caused by different treatment of large point sources. For NO_x, GEA estimates are higher than the Citepa results.

A3. Air pollution models

In the GEA study, three air pollution models were used for the calculation of air-quality parameters from urban emissions:

- The cQ model for ‘inert’ species where sufficient monitoring data were available.
- The UAQAM for ‘inert’ species in all cities.
- The OFIS model, which was applied to calculate ozone concentrations for a limited number of cities.

It is recognised that the methodology of the selected models may not be appropriate for locations with extreme orographic influence resulting in inhomogeneous flow patterns; such conditions cannot be resolved by the OFIS model and UAQAM .

A3.1. cQ model

The cQ model is an empirical model which relates urban emissions to observed concentrations. This model has been applied for 'inert' species and for cities with sufficient air-quality monitoring data available. The requirements on available monitoring data limit the use of the cQ model to SO₂, NO₂ and PM₁₀. The model uses the empirical ratio between urban emissions Q and the air concentration c , corrected for regional contributions, to estimate air concentrations from available emission data. Different types of sources are assumed to contribute differently to the calculated concentrations by using effectivity factors.

The cQ model was previously used in a study for the Regional Policies and Cohesion DG (CEC, 1998). For many of the cities, the cQ relationships for SO₂, NO_x/NO₂ and (for some cities) also PM₁₀, gave consistent results for all compounds. This suggests some credibility of the method; however, its weak points should be recognised. Uncertainties include:

- Uncertainties in reference emission estimates. Results are affected by the accuracy of relative sector source strengths and relative reductions, rather than absolute emission figures.
- Uncertainty related to the effectivity factor for traffic emissions versus other emission categories. This plays a minor role in the current study, where only traffic related measures are considered.
- Representativeness of monitoring stations. Data for PM₁₀ is considerably less complete than for NO₂ or SO₂. Any EU-wide PM₁₀ analysis will be limited by this lack of data.
- Representativeness of meteorological conditions.

A strength of the cQ model is its basis in measured air quality.

A3.2. UAQAM

The urban air-quality assessment model (UAQAM) is a dispersion model calculating (annual) average city background concentrations and exceedances of air-quality thresholds on an hourly or daily basis from actual meteorology and urban emissions.

Input data are limited to urban emissions, city area, regional background concentrations and meteorological observations only. The structure of the model is transparent; simple parameterisations simulate the most important phenomena. A full description of the model has been given by van Pul et al. (1996).

UAQAM contains three modules in which emissions, meteorological parameters and dispersion are modelled. In a fourth module, the hourly and seasonal variations in the regional background concentration of the cities are parameterised. The UAQAM does not include atmospheric chemistry. The model has been applied in the GEA study for all inert species for the full list of cities.

From NO_x concentration, NO₂ concentration is estimated using an empirical relation (BUWAL, 1997):

$$NO_2 = 0.055 * NO_x + 55 * (1 - e^{-NO_x * 0.01173})$$

This relation is based on monitoring data in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Compared to the well-known NO_2/NO_x relation used in Auto-Oil I, this relation is nearly equivalent at lower NO_x concentrations. At high NO_x -levels the BUWAL-equation estimates lower NO_2 concentrations, which are in better agreement with measurements.

Statistical information on activity patterns (traffic intensity, industrial activity, relation between heating demand and ambient temperature) is used to obtain seasonal and diurnal variations in emissions.

A3.3. OFIS model

The OFIS (ozone fine structure) model is a photochemical dispersion model for calculating ground level ozone concentrations in and around urban areas.

In contrast to earlier approaches, the OFIS model allows an adequate description of urban photochemistry and atmospheric dynamics with a very low computational effort (Sahm and Moussiopoulos, 1999). This extends its applicability to longer time periods. This Eulerian photochemical dispersion model is capable of simulating transport and photochemical transformation processes in an urban plume. Thus, it may be used for calculating urban scale ozone concentrations (e.g. for exposure analyses or for assessments of control strategies) based on large-scale meteorological information and long-range transport information over a longer time period.

Having been derived from well-tested full 3D models, the OFIS model retains all elements necessary for a realistic assessment of urban scale ozone levels. The conceptual basis of OFIS is a coupled 1D/2D approach. Background boundary layer concentrations are computed with the multi-layer box model embedded in OFIS for a domain of $150 \times 150 \text{ km}^2$ with the city in the centre and rural area all around. For each day in the period considered, pollutant transport and transformation downwind of each city is calculated in 5 km steps (assuming the wind direction is valid for that day), an initial plume width according to the city diameter and a plume widening angle of 30° . Large emitters in the vicinity of the urban area are taken into account in the urban plume module depending on the wind direction prevailing on the day. Local circulation systems (such as the sea breeze in coastal areas) are taken into account by inverting the wind direction of the urban plume in the lower two layers (i.e. up to the height of the mixed layer) in the afternoon hours of days with weak synoptic forcing and off-shore wind direction. Dry deposition is accounted for by using a three-resistance model approach. Biogenic emissions are taken into account for rural areas.

OFIS was applied in the Stuttgart area in the context of the European Commission's communication on an ozone strategy (Moussiopoulos et al., 1999). Regional background concentrations were derived from results of the EMEP model (Simpson et al., 1997). The EMEP/OFIS model cascade satisfactorily describes the levels of ozone exposure, resolving both downtown ozone titration and ozone formation in the urban plume of Stuttgart.

A4. Background concentrations

The contribution to urban air quality from the regional background depends on the pollutant. For NO_2 , the urban concentrations are considerably higher than the concentrations outside urban areas. For particles, however, the differences are

smaller, and estimating their regional background concentrations is more critical. In modelling urban ozone levels, the regional background concentrations form an important factor.

In the models, a gradient from background (outside city) concentrations to city background concentrations to city hot spot concentrations was assumed. This background concentration outside the city was generally calculated by or derived from the EMEP MSC-W model for acidifying compounds (Jakobsen et al., 1997), the EMEP-MSC-W photochemical model (Simpson, 1993) or the long-range transport model TREND (van Jaarsveld, 1995, Eerens et al., 1998). Regional scale model results are not available for CO; in this case, background concentrations were estimated from monitoring data.

Regional background concentrations for ozone were taken from the EMEP-MSC-W photochemical model (Simpson, 1993). Regional background concentrations with the EMEP model were calculated for base case for 1995 and 2010 (using 1995 meteorology).

Background concentrations for primary PM₁₀ were calculated with the TREND model (Eerens et al., 1998) using the available emission inventory (Berdowski et al., 1997b) for 1993 and meteorological data for 1990. The concentrations for the centres of the EMEP grid cells were used as estimates of regional primary PM₁₀ concentrations.

The secondary inorganic particles that form a substantial part of the PM₁₀ concentrations were modelled as a sum of ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulphate, based on the EMEP model results, for 150 x 150 km grid cells. They were calculated by the 1996 version of EMEP model considering all the European sources, for 1995 and 2010 using the base case emissions (Jakobsen et al., 1997; Tsyro, 1998). Data about secondary organic particles is limited, and they have not been included in the model for this study.

For NO_x and SO₂, daily average regional background concentrations were taken from EMEP model calculations. A normalised diurnal variation calculated from data for seven monitoring years at five background stations in the UK was used to estimate hourly concentrations from these daily EMEP background values.

Background concentrations for CO were not available from long-range transport models. Based on measurements at rural stations in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands an annual average level of 0.45 mg/m³ was estimated for 1995. The temporal variation in background levels is described as a log-normal distribution with a 50-percentile value of 0.45 mg/m³ and a sigma value of 0.6. Temporal variations in background concentrations were assumed to correlate perfectly with the variations in urban levels, that is, the 98-percentile values of the urban and regional contributions are reached at the same moment.

Regional background concentrations for 2010 were simulated by a log-normal distribution with a P50-value of 0.35 mg/m³. EU-15 emissions decrease between 1990 and 2010 by more than 50 %. Since there are contributions to the concentration from emissions from other European countries and there is an *in situ* contribution to CO from photochemical oxidation, it is assumed that the decrease in regional background concentrations will be less than the decrease in European emissions.

For benzene, Pb and B(a)P, the regional background concentrations were derived from TREND calculations. For benzene, data from an existing TREND study were scaled with the ratio of EU-15 emission totals in TREND and in the Auto-Oil II base case.

Annex 2: List of selected cities

List of cities taken into account in the EEA/ETC approach, modelling of concentrations of ozone and 'inert' species

| City | Country | Latitude | Longitude | Population | OFIS | AOP | Area (km ²) |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------|-----|-------------------------|
| Graz | A | 47.08 | 15.37 | 237 810 | o3 | | 46.8 |
| Innsbruck | A | 47.28 | 11.42 | 118 112 | | | 19.3 |
| Klagenfurt | A | 46.63 | 14.34 | 89 502 | | | 23.6 |
| Linz | A | 48.32 | 14.31 | 203 044 | | | 52.9 |
| Salzburg | A | 47.80 | 13.06 | 143 973 | | | 29.8 |
| Wien | A | 48.21 | 16.18 | 1 539 848 | o3 | | 190.8 |
| Antwerpen | B | 51.20 | 4.39 | 668 125 | o3 | | 284.5 |
| Bruxelles/Brussel | B | 50.84 | 4.34 | 960 324 | o3 | | 441.2 |
| Charleroi | B | 50.42 | 4.45 | 294 962 | | | 182.5 |
| Gent | B | 51.05 | 3.71 | 250 666 | | | 123.9 |
| Liege | B | 50.64 | 5.56 | 484 518 | | | 241.4 |
| Namur | B | 50.47 | 4.86 | 103 935 | | | 56.9 |
| Aschaffenburg | D | 49.58 | 9.10 | 59 257 | | | 18.4 |
| Augsburg | D | 48.35 | 10.90 | 262 110 | | | 75.3 |
| Berlin | D | 52.51 | 13.42 | 3 472 009 | o3 | aop | 587.0 |
| Bielefeld | D | 52.03 | 8.53 | 324 067 | | | 59.3 |
| Bonn | D | 50.73 | 7.10 | 293 072 | | | 52.1 |
| Brandenburg | D | 52.25 | 12.34 | 94 872 | | | 24.6 |
| Braunschweig | D | 52.27 | 10.54 | 254 130 | | | 47.4 |
| Bremen | D | 53.09 | 8.83 | 549 122 | o3 | | 105.2 |
| Chemnitz | D | 50.83 | 12.92 | 274 162 | | | 71.0 |
| Cottbus | D | 51.72 | 14.35 | 125 643 | | | 40.0 |
| Darmstadt | D | 49.87 | 8.65 | 139 063 | | | 28.3 |
| Dortmund | D | 51.52 | 7.45 | 600 918 | o3 | | 159.3 |
| Dresden | D | 51.05 | 13.75 | 474 443 | | | 184.8 |
| Düsseldorf | D | 51.22 | 6.76 | 572 638 | o3 | | 113.7 |
| Emden | D | 53.23 | 7.13 | 51 186 | | | 16.6 |
| Erlangen | D | 49.60 | 11.03 | 101 450 | | | 16.5 |
| Essen + environ | D | 51.45 | 7.01 | 1 848 732 | | | 364.3 |
| Frankfurt-am-Main | D | 50.12 | 8.68 | 652 412 | o3 | | 117.6 |
| Freiburg | D | 48.00 | 7.87 | 198 496 | | | 33.2 |
| Halle | D | 51.48 | 11.95 | 290 051 | | | 58.1 |
| Hamburg | D | 53.56 | 10.00 | 1 705 872 | o3 | | 379.1 |
| Hanau | D | 50.14 | 8.92 | 86 402 | | | 30.3 |
| Hannover | D | 52.37 | 9.72 | 525 763 | o3 | | 139.0 |
| Heidelberg | D | 49.42 | 8.70 | 138 964 | | | 22.3 |
| Heilbronn | D | 49.13 | 9.23 | 122 253 | | | 27.2 |
| Ingoldstadt | D | 48.77 | 11.44 | 110 910 | | | 25.3 |
| Kaiserslautern | D | 49.45 | 7.78 | 101 910 | | | 25.4 |
| Karlsruhe | D | 49.00 | 8.40 | 277 011 | | | 47.0 |
| Kassel | D | 51.30 | 9.50 | 201 789 | | | 63.3 |
| Kiel | D | 54.34 | 10.11 | 246 586 | | | 51.3 |
| Koblenz | D | 50.35 | 7.60 | 109 550 | | | 35.9 |
| Köln | D | 50.94 | 6.95 | 963 817 | o3 | aop | 107.3 |
| Leipzig | D | 51.33 | 12.42 | 481 121 | | | 160.9 |
| Lubeck | D | 53.87 | 10.67 | 216 854 | | | 48.4 |
| Magdenburg | D | 52.13 | 11.62 | 265 379 | | | 69.4 |
| Mainz | D | 50.00 | 8.27 | 184 627 | | | 35.0 |
| Mannheim/Ludwigshafen | D | 49.50 | 8.47 | 484 106 | o3 | | 109.1 |
| Monchengladbach | D | 51.20 | 6.42 | 266 073 | | | 52.6 |

| City | Country | Latitude | Longitude | Population | OFIS | AOP | Area (km ²) |
|-------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------|-----|-------------------------|
| München | D | 48.13 | 11.59 | 1 244 676 | o3 | | 256.6 |
| Münster (Westf.) | D | 51.97 | 7.62 | 264 887 | | | 38.6 |
| Nürnberg | D | 49.45 | 11.09 | 495 845 | | | 118.4 |
| Rostock | D | 54.14 | 12.03 | 232 634 | | | 42.1 |
| Saarbrücken | D | 49.24 | 7.00 | 189 012 | | | 120.3 |
| Schwerin | D | 53.62 | 11.40 | 118 291 | | | 11.8 |
| Stuttgart | D | 48.77 | 9.18 | 588 482 | o3 | | 99.1 |
| Trier | D | 49.45 | 6.39 | 95 536 | | | 21.6 |
| Ulm | D | 48.40 | 10.00 | 115 123 | | | 26.7 |
| Wetzlar | D | 50.33 | 8.30 | 51 997 | | | 18.2 |
| Wiesbaden | D | 50.09 | 8.25 | 266 081 | | | 44.0 |
| Wilhelmshaven | D | 53.32 | 8.07 | 99 230 | | | 17.3 |
| Wuppertal | D | 51.25 | 7.17 | 383 776 | | | 120.7 |
| Ålborg | DK | 57.05 | 9.94 | 159 056 | | | 41.8 |
| Århus | DK | 56.17 | 10.22 | 277 477 | | | 71.9 |
| Esbjerg | DK | 55.48 | 8.47 | 70 220 | | | 19.8 |
| København | DK | 55.69 | 12.57 | 1 353 333 | o3 | | 247.9 |
| Odense | DK | 55.41 | 10.42 | 182 617 | | | 58.3 |
| Alicante | E | 38.35 | -0.48 | 267 421 | | | 20.9 |
| Barcelona | E | 41.41 | 2.16 | 2 625 547 | o3 | | 129.2 |
| Bilbao | E | 43.24 | -2.95 | 550 452 | o3 | | 37.4 |
| Cordoba | E | 37.88 | -4.77 | 305 894 | | | 28.4 |
| Gijón | E | 43.53 | -5.67 | 259 067 | | | 27.0 |
| Granada | E | 37.17 | -3.58 | 256 784 | | | 12.4 |
| Madrid | E | 40.41 | -3.73 | 2 976 064 | o3 | aop | 194.4 |
| Málaga | E | 36.72 | -4.42 | 523 450 | | | 54.0 |
| Murcia | E | 37.98 | -1.13 | 331 898 | | | 17.0 |
| Palma de Mallorca | E | 39.58 | 2.65 | 298 971 | | | 24.1 |
| Sevilla | E | 37.39 | -6.00 | 678 902 | | | 59.0 |
| Valencia | E | 39.48 | -0.40 | 749 361 | | | 66.3 |
| Valladolid | E | 41.65 | -4.75 | 331 885 | | | 20.6 |
| Vigo | E | 42.22 | -8.73 | 276 109 | | | 62.4 |
| Zaragoza | E | 41.65 | -0.90 | 598 078 | | | 29.0 |
| Espoo | FI | 60.18 | 24.73 | 184 577 | | | 22.3 |
| Helsinki | FI | 60.21 | 25.00 | 1 016 291 | o3 | aop | 242.0 |
| Jyvoskylo | FI | 62.28 | 25.86 | 67 026 | | | 8.3 |
| Aix-en-Provence | F | 43.51 | 5.45 | 123 778 | | | 14.1 |
| Amiens | F | 49.90 | 2.29 | 158 735 | | | 30.3 |
| Arras | F | 50.30 | 2.76 | 80 477 | | | 25.3 |
| Besancon | F | 47.23 | 6.03 | 124 174 | | | 28.6 |
| Bordeaux | F | 44.83 | -0.57 | 715 187 | | | 152.9 |
| Caen | F | 49.18 | -0.38 | 195 429 | | | 62.6 |
| Calais | F | 50.95 | 1.86 | 102 414 | | | 34.7 |
| Clermont-Ferrand | F | 45.78 | 3.08 | 249 461 | | | 56.6 |
| Colmar | F | 48.08 | 7.35 | 82 468 | | | 20.4 |
| Creil | F | 49.27 | 2.48 | 82 479 | | | 19.4 |
| Dunkerque | F | 51.04 | 2.38 | 195 705 | | | 84.6 |
| Grenoble | F | 45.18 | 5.71 | 419 696 | o3 | | 79.2 |
| La-Rochelle | F | 46.16 | -1.18 | 103 470 | | | 32.9 |
| Le-Havre | F | 49.52 | 0.14 | 255 818 | | | 38.2 |
| Lens-Bethune | F | 50.44 | 2.83 | 582 719 | | | 163.1 |
| Lille | F | 50.65 | 3.07 | 964 669 | o3 | | 201.1 |
| Lyon | F | 45.76 | 4.83 | 1 286 492 | o3 | aop | 268.4 |
| Marseille | F | 43.29 | 5.36 | 1 258 102 | o3 | | 143.3 |
| Montbeliard | F | 47.52 | 6.80 | 118 996 | | | 46.6 |
| Montpellier | F | 43.60 | 3.88 | 263 426 | | | 32.3 |
| Mulhouse | F | 47.75 | 7.35 | 228 385 | | | 58.9 |

| City | Country | Latitude | Longitude | Population | OFIS | AOP | Area (km ²) |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------|-----|-------------------------|
| Nancy | F | 48.70 | 6.20 | 328 187 | | | 68.0 |
| Nantes | F | 47.23 | - 1.60 | 510 419 | o3 | | 113.1 |
| Nice | F | 43.70 | 7.27 | 533 740 | | | 67.7 |
| Paris-(urban-a | F | 48.87 | 2.33 | 9 069 499 | o3 | | 996.6 |
| Reims | F | 49.27 | 4.03 | 208 354 | | | 40.5 |
| Rennes | F | 48.10 | - 1.68 | 252 853 | | | 50.8 |
| Rouen | F | 49.44 | 1.08 | 383 446 | o3 | | 104.9 |
| Saint-Etienne | F | 45.43 | 4.38 | 314 393 | | | 56.3 |
| Strasbourg | F | 48.58 | 7.75 | 398 163 | o3 | | 95.3 |
| Toulon | F | 43.12 | 5.92 | 464 195 | | | 82.5 |
| Toulouse | F | 43.61 | 1.43 | 684 215 | o3 | | 150.6 |
| Tours | F | 47.38 | 0.70 | 288 204 | | | 66.6 |
| Valenciennes | F | 50.37 | 3.53 | 340 309 | | | 72.8 |
| Athinaï | EL | 37.99 | 23.75 | 3 072 922 | o3 | aop | 284.6 |
| Thessaloniki | EL | 40.62 | 22.97 | 749 048 | o3 | | 49.3 |
| Dublin | IRL | 53.34 | - 6.27 | 915 516 | o3 | aop | 195.6 |
| Bari | I | 41.12 | 16.87 | 341 273 | | | 60.3 |
| Bologna | I | 44.45 | 11.33 | 404 322 | o3 | | 73.6 |
| Catania | I | 37.53 | 15.12 | 330 037 | | | 108.3 |
| Firenze | I | 43.79 | 11.24 | 402 316 | o3 | | 61.9 |
| Genova | I | 44.39 | 8.97 | 675 659 | o3 | | 63.4 |
| Livorno | I | 43.49 | 10.37 | 167 445 | | | 28.1 |
| Messina | I | 38.22 | 15.55 | 272 461 | | | 27.2 |
| Milano+ | I | 45.43 | 9.20 | 1 461 210 | o3 | aop | 381.7 |
| Modena | I | 44.66 | 10.93 | 176 148 | | | 27.9 |
| Napoli | I | 40.83 | 14.25 | 1 054 601 | | | 160.6 |
| Palermo | I | 38.10 | 13.38 | 697 162 | | | 76.0 |
| Piacenza | I | 45.02 | 9.73 | 102 252 | | | 18.1 |
| Ravenna | I | 44.37 | 12.20 | 135 435 | | | 25.3 |
| Reggio-nell-em | I | 44.71 | 10.64 | 131 419 | o3 | | 24.3 |
| Roma | I | 41.85 | 12.46 | 2 693 383 | o3 | | 214.9 |
| Sassari | I | 40.72 | 8.57 | 116 989 | | | 7.9 |
| Siracusa | I | 37.02 | 15.22 | 126 136 | | | 14.6 |
| Terni | I | 42.62 | 12.64 | 107 333 | | | 21.6 |
| Torino | I | 45.08 | 7.67 | 961 916 | o3 | | 125.0 |
| Trento | I | 46.04 | 11.11 | 101 112 | | | 21.1 |
| Venezia | I | 45.47 | 12.34 | 308 717 | | | 37.3 |
| Verona | I | 45.43 | 11.00 | 252 689 | | | 37.3 |
| Luxembourg | L | 49.62 | 6.13 | 76 446 | o3 | | 45.1 |
| Amsterdam | NL | 52.36 | 4.90 | 1 100 764 | o3 | | 123.9 |
| Apeldoorn | NL | 52.22 | 5.95 | 149 659 | | | 31.0 |
| Dordrecht | NL | 51.80 | 4.66 | 213 519 | | | 27.9 |
| Eindhoven | NL | 51.44 | 5.50 | 394 469 | | | 47.4 |
| Haarlem | NL | 52.39 | 4.63 | 213 392 | | | 26.6 |
| Heerlen/Kerkrade | NL | 50.90 | 5.98 | 270 535 | | | 38.0 |
| Nijmegen | NL | 51.84 | 5.86 | 147 346 | | | 31.6 |
| Rotterdam/Vlaardingen | NL | 51.92 | 4.48 | 1 155 542 | o3 | | 165.9 |
| s-Gravenhage | NL | 52.09 | 4.26 | 694 733 | | | 67.6 |
| Utrecht | NL | 52.11 | 5.11 | 546 433 | o3 | aop | 59.6 |
| Zaanstad | NL | 52.46 | 4.81 | 147 363 | | | 18.7 |
| Lisbao | P | 38.72 | - 9.15 | 1 658 000 | o3 | | 138.3 |
| Porto | P | 41.14 | - 8.64 | 1 174 461 | o3 | | 80.7 |
| Setubal | P | 38.50 | - 8.92 | 103 634 | | | 7.5 |
| Goteborg | S | 57.71 | 11.95 | 444 553 | o3 | | 175.0 |
| Jonkoping | S | 57.80 | 14.21 | 114 811 | | | 39.6 |
| Karlstad | S | 59.41 | 13.51 | 53 125 | | | 31.1 |
| Linkoping | S | 58.43 | 15.64 | 130 489 | | | 34.6 |

| City | Country | Latitude | Longitude | Population | OFIS | AOP | Area (km ²) |
|---------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------|-----|-------------------------|
| Lund | S | 55.71 | 13.19 | 64 628 | | | 21.0 |
| Norrkoping | S | 58.60 | 16.18 | 123 240 | | | 33.8 |
| Orebro | S | 59.18 | 15.05 | 118 606 | | | 51.4 |
| Stockholm | S | 59.27 | 18.09 | 880 096 | o3 | | 319.4 |
| Uppsala | S | 59.86 | 17.66 | 181 191 | | | 45.2 |
| Belfast | UK | 54.59 | - 5.94 | 297 100 | | | 131.6 |
| Bristol | UK | 51.44 | - 2.60 | 399 243 | o3 | | 97.8 |
| Cardiff | UK | 51.47 | - 3.20 | 300 038 | | | 64.2 |
| Coventry | UK | 52.42 | - 1.50 | 302 514 | | | 89.9 |
| Doncaster | UK | 53.53 | - 1.12 | 292 501 | | | 38.1 |
| Edinburgh | UK | 55.96 | - 3.22 | 443 600 | | | 85.8 |
| Glasgow | UK | 55.87 | - 4.26 | 680 000 | o3 | | 414.1 |
| Greater-Manche | UK | 53.51 | - 2.27 | 2 319 558 | o3 | | 397.3 |
| Kingston-upon-Hull | UK | 53.76 | - 0.35 | 269 144 | | | 74.4 |
| Leicester | UK | 52.67 | - 1.18 | 293 387 | | | 84.2 |
| Liverpool | UK | 53.42 | - 3.02 | 1 409 493 | o3 | | 195.2 |
| London | UK | 51.50 | - 0.10 | 10 569 997 | o3 | aop | 1 191.3 |
| Nottingham | UK | 52.97 | - 1.17 | 282 440 | | | 153.4 |
| Plymouth | UK | 50.38 | - 4.17 | 255 815 | | | 61.4 |
| Sheffield/Rotherham | UK | 53.39 | - 1.48 | 786 381 | o3 | | 153.6 |
| Southampton/eas | UK | 50.90 | - 1.39 | 211 718 | | | 49.5 |
| Stevenage | UK | 51.90 | - 0.20 | 74 757 | | | 17.4 |
| Stoke on Trent | UK | 53.00 | - 2.18 | 377 334 | | | 86.7 |
| Sunderland | UK | 54.93 | - 1.43 | 297 226 | | | 254.1 |
| Teesside | UK | 54.62 | - 1.23 | 381 456 | | | 137.5 |
| Tyneside | UK | 54.99 | - 1.60 | 776 304 | o3 | | 254.1 |
| West-Midlands | UK | 52.51 | - 1.93 | 2 080 232 | o3 | | 520.3 |
| West-Yorkshire | UK | 53.81 | - 1.58 | 1 523 496 | o3 | | 321.4 |

Annex 3: Urban emissions in selected cities

Urban emissions of SO₂, NO_x, CO, Pb, benzene and PM₁₀ have been estimated using the methods outlined in Chapter 4. For all pollutants, the starting point of the emission estimates are the national emission totals given in the AOP-base case Version 4 of April 1999. To illustrate the uncertainties in PM₁₀ emissions, the urban emissions calculated for AOP-base case Version 5 (May 1999) are included as well. All emissions are given in tonne/year; NO_x emissions are expressed as tonne NO₂ per year.

| City | SO ₂ | SO ₂ | NO _x | NO _x | CO | CO | Pb | Pb | Benzene | Benzene | PM ₁₀ -V4 | PM ₁₀ -V4 | PM ₁₀ -V5 | PM ₁₀ -V5 |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 | Tonne NO ₂ /yr 1995 | Tonne NO ₂ /yr 2010 | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 | Tonne/ year 1995 | Tonne/ year 2010 |
| Graz | 2 649 | 1 796 | 5 487 | 2 991 | 73 864 | 63 920 | 5.32 | 2.92 | 136.7 | 83.3 | 768 | 747 | 671 | 645 |
| Innsbruck | 768 | 443 | 2 389 | 1 291 | 17 343 | 12 425 | 2.42 | 1.20 | 67.9 | 41.4 | 298 | 280 | 250 | 229 |
| Klagenfurt | 1 146 | 634 | 2 135 | 1 197 | 16 968 | 13 425 | 1.84 | 0.91 | 51.4 | 31.3 | 226 | 212 | 190 | 173 |
| Linz | 2 168 | 1 521 | 5 983 | 3 222 | 57 121 | 48 091 | 9.10 | 8.41 | 116.7 | 71.1 | 5 731 | 6 657 | 5 631 | 6 607 |
| Salzburg | 930 | 512 | 3 228 | 1 796 | 22 114 | 16 220 | 2.95 | 1.46 | 82.7 | 50.4 | 364 | 341 | 305 | 279 |
| Wien | 4 732 | 3 015 | 25 844 | 12 313 | 110 088 | 45 662 | 31.86 | 15.92 | 885.0 | 539.1 | 3 897 | 3 653 | 3 273 | 2 990 |
| Antwerpen | 34 418 | 32 229 | 30 838 | 23 168 | 50 928 | 26 250 | 76.49 | 68.09 | 299.3 | 175.0 | 4 673 | 5 204 | 4 602 | 5 055 |
| Bruxelles/Brus | 17 139 | 8 670 | 16 752 | 10 453 | 51 561 | 30 755 | 34.64 | 22.57 | 430.2 | 251.5 | 4 031 | 4 004 | 3 947 | 3 882 |
| Charleroi | 15 329 | 7 663 | 10 768 | 6 947 | 23 019 | 18 598 | 40.84 | 40.77 | 132.1 | 77.3 | 6 646 | 7 164 | 6 574 | 7 087 |
| Gent | 26 054 | 14 998 | 13 900 | 7 900 | 14 318 | 6 461 | 49.28 | 48.44 | 112.3 | 65.7 | 8 078 | 8 950 | 8 006 | 8 868 |
| Liege | 17 547 | 13 759 | 91 341 | 75 499 | 96 097 | 81 957 | 56.99 | 55.04 | 217.1 | 126.9 | 8 133 | 8 801 | 8 047 | 8 701 |
| Namur | 1 131 | 441 | 2 265 | 1 181 | 5 988 | 2 133 | 2.65 | 1.25 | 46.6 | 27.2 | 286 | 264 | 278 | 251 |
| Aschaffenburg | 146 | 95 | 1 149 | 508 | 5 730 | 2 826 | 0.82 | 0.57 | 21.5 | 8.0 | 283 | 149 | 267 | 133 |
| Augsburg | 605 | 446 | 3 202 | 1 772 | 18 698 | 10 611 | 3.66 | 2.53 | 95.1 | 35.4 | 1 258 | 663 | 1 186 | 591 |
| Berlin | 21 951 | 13 669 | 66 153 | 31 408 | 274 739 | 184 455 | 126.13 | 105.23 | 1 260.2 | 469.0 | 47 276 | 30 262 | 46 371 | 29 205 |
| Bielefeld | 885 | 593 | 6 095 | 2 789 | 29 305 | 14 711 | 4.71 | 3.27 | 117.6 | 43.8 | 1 574 | 835 | 1 485 | 746 |
| Bonn | 668 | 450 | 5 039 | 2 324 | 28 492 | 13 814 | 4.05 | 2.80 | 106.4 | 39.6 | 1 434 | 764 | 1 354 | 684 |
| Brandenburg | 1 328 | 623 | 808 | 486 | 10 955 | 8 338 | 1.31 | 0.91 | 34.4 | 12.8 | 454 | 239 | 428 | 213 |
| Braunschweig | 602 | 401 | 4 546 | 2 198 | 23 473 | 11 670 | 18.91 | 16.71 | 92.2 | 34.3 | 1 230 | 651 | 1 161 | 582 |
| Bremen | 1 637 | 1 104 | 25 297 | 11 554 | 46 147 | 23 565 | 15.50 | 12.30 | 199.3 | 74.2 | 4 068 | 2 402 | 3 920 | 2 248 |
| Chemnitz | 3 276 | 1 632 | 1 916 | 1 212 | 26 491 | 20 515 | 3.90 | 2.70 | 99.5 | 37.0 | 2 806 | 1 900 | 2 745 | 1 838 |
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| Darmstadt | 320 | 222 | 2 301 | 1 124 | 11 665 | 5 639 | 1.93 | 1.34 | 50.5 | 18.8 | 669 | 353 | 631 | 315 |
| Dortmund | 1 774 | 1 310 | 15 480 | 8 473 | 53 538 | 27 627 | 29.74 | 25.53 | 218.1 | 81.2 | 8 079 | 5 059 | 7 913 | 4 864 |
| Dresden | 8 358 | 4 759 | 6 268 | 3 416 | 50 339 | 40 335 | 15.49 | 12.78 | 172.2 | 64.1 | 7 786 | 5 388 | 7 688 | 5 274 |
| Düsseldorf | 1 832 | 1 232 | 16 068 | 8 260 | 52 716 | 30 063 | 9.74 | 6.87 | 207.8 | 77.3 | 4 581 | 2 933 | 4 442 | 2 792 |
| Emden | 137 | 95 | 573 | 334 | 3 444 | 2 000 | 0.71 | 0.49 | 18.6 | 6.9 | 245 | 129 | 231 | 115 |
| Erlangen | 330 | 215 | 5 953 | 2 550 | 11 645 | 5 673 | 1.42 | 0.98 | 36.8 | 13.7 | 495 | 263 | 468 | 236 |
| Essen+ environ | 10 225 | 8 382 | 53 132 | 27 500 | 162 375 | 84 380 | 48.15 | 37.98 | 671.0 | 249.7 | 17 820 | 10 108 | 17 387 | 9 584 |
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| Freiburg | 429 | 302 | 2 277 | 1 237 | 13 982 | 7 709 | 2.75 | 1.90 | 72.0 | 26.8 | 953 | 502 | 898 | 448 |
| Halle | 6 873 | 3 971 | 3 569 | 1 968 | 33 817 | 27 711 | 4.01 | 2.77 | 105.3 | 39.2 | 1 387 | 729 | 1 307 | 650 |
| Hamburg | 6 741 | 5 617 | 25 859 | 12 897 | 124 468 | 63 348 | 25.86 | 18.02 | 619.2 | 230.4 | 8 902 | 4 895 | 8 441 | 4 434 |
| Hanau | 283 | 186 | 1 903 | 880 | 8 610 | 3 998 | 2.32 | 1.69 | 31.4 | 11.7 | 737 | 480 | 716 | 459 |
| Hannover | 1 270 | 866 | 8 479 | 4 203 | 43 205 | 22 491 | 7.94 | 5.53 | 190.8 | 71.0 | 2 668 | 1 448 | 2 526 | 1 305 |
| Heidelberg | 302 | 214 | 1 498 | 815 | 9 543 | 5 310 | 1.92 | 1.33 | 50.4 | 18.8 | 664 | 349 | 626 | 311 |
| Heilbronn | 611 | 442 | 7 549 | 3 453 | 9 681 | 5 616 | 1.69 | 1.17 | 44.4 | 16.5 | 584 | 307 | 551 | 274 |
| Ingoldstadt | 293 | 199 | 2 127 | 991 | 10 519 | 5 276 | 2.66 | 1.93 | 40.3 | 15.0 | 624 | 355 | 595 | 325 |
| Kaiserslautern | 254 | 182 | 1 352 | 717 | 7 573 | 4 059 | 1.42 | 0.98 | 37.0 | 13.8 | 490 | 259 | 462 | 231 |
| Karlsruhe | 1 546 | 1 388 | 10 582 | 5 424 | 32 712 | 15 745 | 3.94 | 2.73 | 100.5 | 37.4 | 1 356 | 722 | 1 280 | 646 |

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| Kassel | 413 | 296 | 1 973 | 1 140 | 12 436 | 6 806 | 3.32 | 2.34 | 73.2 | 27.3 | 1 048 | 575 | 993 | 520 |
| Kiel | 767 | 533 | 4 964 | 2 539 | 15 723 | 8 969 | 3.79 | 2.65 | 89.5 | 33.3 | 1 382 | 785 | 1 316 | 719 |
| Koblenz | 235 | 168 | 1 051 | 615 | 6 778 | 3 931 | 1.51 | 1.05 | 39.8 | 14.8 | 524 | 276 | 494 | 245 |
| Köln | 3 276 | 2 285 | 32 704 | 16 036 | 101 427 | 48 897 | 14.37 | 10.00 | 349.8 | 130.2 | 4 668 | 2 472 | 4 404 | 2 209 |
| Leipzig | 14 024 | 9 022 | 16 400 | 8 249 | 61 920 | 52 336 | 6.72 | 4.64 | 174.6 | 65.0 | 3 277 | 2 001 | 3 154 | 1 878 |
| Lubeck | 997 | 683 | 8 031 | 3 720 | 18 298 | 9 419 | 3.00 | 2.07 | 78.7 | 29.3 | 1 037 | 545 | 977 | 486 |
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| Mainz | 612 | 430 | 6 496 | 2 981 | 15 521 | 8 127 | 4.23 | 3.05 | 67.0 | 24.9 | 1 171 | 698 | 1 123 | 650 |
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| Münster(Westf) | 925 | 614 | 6 882 | 2 990 | 26 465 | 12 858 | 3.68 | 2.54 | 96.1 | 35.8 | 1 276 | 674 | 1 203 | 602 |
| Nürnberg | 1 052 | 729 | 6 114 | 3 131 | 37 394 | 20 467 | 9.94 | 7.10 | 180.0 | 67.0 | 3 049 | 1 797 | 2 920 | 1 666 |
| Rostock | 3 004 | 1 444 | 1 617 | 1 035 | 23 196 | 18 245 | 3.21 | 2.22 | 84.4 | 31.4 | 1 112 | 585 | 1 048 | 521 |
| Saarbrücken | 940 | 673 | 13 938 | 7 953 | 22 708 | 13 622 | 3.72 | 2.80 | 68.6 | 25.5 | 1 489 | 879 | 1 437 | 823 |
| Schwerin | 1 760 | 916 | 1 041 | 637 | 12 630 | 9 971 | 1.64 | 1.13 | 42.9 | 16.0 | 566 | 297 | 533 | 265 |
| Stuttgart | 1 255 | 876 | 8 027 | 4 017 | 45 410 | 23 890 | 8.69 | 6.04 | 213.6 | 79.5 | 2 847 | 1 508 | 2 686 | 1 347 |
| Trier | 223 | 154 | 1 309 | 666 | 7 444 | 3 887 | 1.32 | 0.91 | 34.7 | 12.9 | 457 | 240 | 431 | 214 |
| Ulm | 409 | 261 | 3 496 | 1 486 | 13 928 | 6 466 | 1.62 | 1.12 | 41.8 | 15.5 | 561 | 298 | 530 | 267 |
| Wetzlar | 193 | 121 | 1 656 | 693 | 6 363 | 2 762 | 0.72 | 0.50 | 18.9 | 7.0 | 249 | 131 | 234 | 117 |
| Wiesbaden | 607 | 430 | 4 158 | 2 064 | 22 138 | 10 718 | 3.68 | 2.54 | 96.6 | 35.9 | 1 272 | 669 | 1 199 | 596 |
| Wilhelmshaven | 228 | 158 | 1 130 | 634 | 6 826 | 3 871 | 1.37 | 0.95 | 36.0 | 13.4 | 474 | 250 | 447 | 222 |
| Wuppertal | 937 | 670 | 6 977 | 3 431 | 33 812 | 17 253 | 5.63 | 3.91 | 139.3 | 51.8 | 1 887 | 1 013 | 1 782 | 909 |
| Ålborg | 12 475 | 4 808 | 8 335 | 4 506 | 19 574 | 13 014 | 3.93 | 1.86 | 78.4 | 42.4 | 641 | 586 | 560 | 496 |
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| København | 21 908 | 8 310 | 32 213 | 15 194 | 195 936 | 149 362 | 33.30 | 15.72 | 667.3 | 360.6 | 5 262 | 4 803 | 4 572 | 4 042 |
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| Barcelona | 17 561 | 7 448 | 55 554 | 29 354 | 246 410 | 137 186 | 75.46 | 20.95 | 1 165.7 | 562.4 | 6 102 | 6 853 | 4 662 | 4 506 |
| Bilbao | 3 938 | 1 877 | 14 823 | 10 197 | 55 671 | 35 683 | 13.83 | 1.93 | 244.4 | 117.9 | 1 087 | 1 219 | 783 | 723 |
| Cordoba | 782 | 440 | 5 420 | 3 152 | 35 760 | 27 891 | 7.68 | 1.06 | 135.8 | 65.5 | 603 | 677 | 434 | 401 |
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| Granada | 539 | 291 | 3 951 | 2 088 | 16 783 | 10 276 | 6.44 | 0.89 | 114.0 | 55.0 | 506 | 568 | 364 | 337 |
| Madrid | 13 490 | 5 202 | 56 289 | 25 925 | 269 426 | 135 299 | 85.41 | 23.50 | 1 321.3 | 637.5 | 6 345 | 7 013 | 4 705 | 4 337 |
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| Murcia | 2 326 | 1 219 | 7 443 | 4 289 | 26 244 | 14 892 | 15.54 | 11.65 | 147.4 | 71.1 | 1 500 | 1 140 | 1 322 | 845 |
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| Vigo | 1 983 | 1 252 | 8 320 | 5 882 | 19 951 | 12 844 | 6.93 | 0.96 | 122.6 | 59.1 | 544 | 611 | 392 | 362 |
| Zaragoza | 5 757 | 4 151 | 12 547 | 7 317 | 51 734 | 30 431 | 18.94 | 6.99 | 265.5 | 128.1 | 1 384 | 1 487 | 1 055 | 950 |
| Espoo | 2 363 | 1 973 | 7 498 | 4 304 | 17 833 | 7 636 | 4.74 | 1.70 | 183.7 | 74.3 | 1 026 | 934 | 979 | 857 |
| Helsinki | 11 246 | 9 426 | 40 416 | 22 999 | 98 079 | 41 868 | 25.58 | 8.71 | 1 011.5 | 409.0 | 3 762 | 3 160 | 3 530 | 2 777 |
| Jyvoskylo | 836 | 854 | 2 282 | 1 223 | 6 612 | 2 858 | 1.69 | 0.58 | 66.7 | 27.0 | 248 | 208 | 233 | 183 |
| Aix-en-Provence | 376 | 203 | 3 127 | 1 275 | 20 074 | 7 773 | 6.11 | 1.54 | 87.8 | 40.9 | 305 | 261 | 273 | 222 |
| Amiens | 933 | 623 | 4 237 | 2 262 | 22 372 | 12 312 | 7.84 | 1.97 | 112.6 | 52.4 | 391 | 335 | 351 | 285 |
| Arras | 436 | 242 | 1 602 | 824 | 7 242 | 4 195 | 3.97 | 1.00 | 57.1 | 26.6 | 198 | 170 | 178 | 144 |
| Besancon | 425 | 199 | 2 621 | 1 107 | 17 934 | 9 039 | 6.13 | 1.54 | 88.1 | 41.0 | 306 | 262 | 274 | 223 |
| Bordeaux | 1 519 | 754 | 15 801 | 6 832 | 97 509 | 49 602 | 35.32 | 8.89 | 507.3 | 236.0 | 1 761 | 1 509 | 1 580 | 1 282 |
| Caen | 719 | 371 | 4 257 | 2 013 | 25 111 | 13 987 | 9.65 | 2.43 | 138.6 | 64.5 | 481 | 412 | 432 | 350 |
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| Clermont-Ferrand | 758 | 366 | 5 536 | 2 413 | 38 186 | 18 771 | 12.32 | 3.10 | 177.0 | 82.3 | 614 | 526 | 551 | 447 |
| Colmar | 502 | 269 | 1 968 | 964 | 11 509 | 5 510 | 4.07 | 1.03 | 58.5 | 27.2 | 203 | 174 | 182 | 148 |
| Creil | 408 | 261 | 1 738 | 931 | 8 825 | 5 308 | 4.07 | 1.03 | 58.5 | 27.2 | 203 | 174 | 182 | 148 |
| Dunkerque | 12 860 | 11 950 | 5 388 | 3 695 | 19 248 | 12 393 | 62.65 | 47.63 | 138.8 | 64.6 | 16 834 | 15 119 | 16 791 | 15 085 |
| Grenoble | 2 482 | 1 460 | 10 197 | 5 148 | 45 464 | 23 293 | 20.73 | 5.22 | 297.7 | 138.5 | 1 033 | 885 | 927 | 752 |
| La-Rochelle | 264 | 149 | 2 664 | 1 309 | 13 907 | 8 099 | 5.11 | 1.29 | 73.4 | 34.1 | 255 | 218 | 229 | 185 |
| Le-Havre | 46 061 | 30 324 | 22 169 | 11 605 | 32 608 | 16 440 | 14.58 | 4.81 | 181.5 | 84.4 | 1 937 | 1 394 | 1 864 | 1 296 |
| Lens-Bethune | 20 629 | 12 457 | 26 947 | 18 855 | 60 344 | 37 663 | 28.78 | 7.24 | 413.4 | 192.3 | 1 435 | 1 229 | 1 287 | 1 045 |
| Lille | 5 283 | 3 034 | 16 096 | 8 654 | 77 766 | 44 568 | 50.53 | 12.05 | 684.3 | 318.4 | 2 408 | 2 081 | 2 152 | 1 730 |
| Lyon | 16 289 | 12 985 | 32 479 | 14 965 | 179 652 | 78 735 | 70.00 | 21.41 | 912.6 | 424.6 | 5 228 | 4 379 | 4 906 | 3 952 |
| Marseille | 4 766 | 2 188 | 31 912 | 13 002 | 204 050 | 79 015 | 62.13 | 15.64 | 892.4 | 415.2 | 3 098 | 2 654 | 2 779 | 2 255 |
| Montbéliard | 826 | 562 | 2 707 | 1 226 | 17 210 | 8 684 | 5.88 | 1.48 | 84.4 | 39.3 | 293 | 251 | 263 | 213 |
| Montpellier | 601 | 276 | 5 976 | 2 517 | 39 058 | 18 767 | 13.01 | 3.27 | 186.9 | 86.9 | 649 | 556 | 582 | 472 |
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| Nancy | 2 087 | 1 193 | 6 990 | 3 687 | 36 815 | 24 142 | 48.78 | 32.25 | 232.8 | 108.3 | 3 948 | 3 565 | 3 865 | 3 473 |
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| Paris-(urban-a | 38 823 | 12 731 | 108 699 | 56 115 | 505 740 | 233 192 | 449.00 | 112.74 | 6 433.5 | 2 993.2 | 23 913 | 21 349 | 21 063 | 16 286 |
| Reims | 1 267 | 826 | 6 896 | 3 628 | 33 244 | 17 101 | 10.29 | 2.59 | 147.8 | 68.8 | 513 | 440 | 460 | 373 |
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| Saint-Etienne | 1 282 | 570 | 6 657 | 2 937 | 38 455 | 18 437 | 15.53 | 3.91 | 223.0 | 103.8 | 774 | 663 | 694 | 564 |
| Strasbourg | 7 004 | 5 760 | 10 643 | 5 801 | 55 322 | 26 197 | 27.92 | 11.88 | 282.4 | 131.4 | 3 655 | 2 993 | 3 558 | 2 841 |
| Toulon | 865 | 320 | 9 576 | 3 718 | 60 430 | 25 161 | 22.92 | 5.77 | 329.3 | 153.2 | 1 143 | 979 | 1 025 | 832 |
| Toulouse | 2 181 | 1 311 | 23 245 | 13 892 | 108 452 | 52 902 | 34.02 | 8.70 | 485.4 | 225.8 | 1 760 | 1 504 | 1 586 | 1 286 |
| Tours | 987 | 472 | 7 387 | 3 649 | 40 177 | 21 231 | 14.23 | 3.58 | 204.4 | 95.1 | 710 | 608 | 637 | 517 |
| Valenciennes | 1 671 | 882 | 5 673 | 3 049 | 33 618 | 21 719 | 16.81 | 4.23 | 241.4 | 112.3 | 838 | 718 | 752 | 610 |
| Athinai | 29 619 | 46 561 | 72 714 | 71 384 | 217 927 | 82 323 | 158.27 | 39.48 | 2 159.3 | 1 133.2 | 10 123 | 12 355 | 8 877 | 10 277 |
| Thessaloniki | 8 344 | 12 498 | 17 758 | 17 127 | 47 812 | 17 837 | 38.10 | 9.25 | 526.3 | 276.2 | 2 413 | 2 987 | 2 108 | 2 480 |
| Dublin | 17 038 | 6 730 | 15 103 | 9 293 | 68 171 | 38 440 | 23.77 | 5.35 | 446.0 | 124.6 | 5 790 | 5 605 | 5 608 | 5 262 |
| Bari | 589 | 306 | 5 563 | 2 497 | 47 554 | 27 329 | 7.55 | 1.36 | 221.4 | 88.6 | 991 | 961 | 934 | 894 |
| Bologna | 501 | 299 | 9 509 | 4 764 | 62 170 | 42 731 | 8.99 | 1.42 | 262.3 | 105.0 | 1 544 | 3 440 | 776 | 561 |
| Catania | 471 | 241 | 6 073 | 2 888 | 34 624 | 18 235 | 7.13 | 1.14 | 214.1 | 85.7 | 529 | 504 | 475 | 437 |
| Firenze | 798 | 436 | 6 823 | 3 168 | 45 144 | 25 547 | 8.69 | 1.39 | 261.0 | 104.4 | 645 | 615 | 580 | 533 |
| Genova | 11 816 | 7 344 | 25 965 | 14 787 | 114 341 | 75 045 | 16.45 | 4.39 | 438.3 | 175.4 | 3 230 | 3 041 | 3 102 | 2 905 |
| Livorno | 1 030 | 763 | 4 839 | 3 350 | 28 941 | 20 052 | 3.62 | 0.58 | 108.6 | 43.5 | 269 | 256 | 241 | 222 |
| Messina | 353 | 176 | 6 344 | 2 703 | 27 401 | 15 460 | 5.88 | 0.94 | 176.8 | 70.7 | 437 | 416 | 393 | 361 |
| Milano+ | 3 220 | 1 786 | 23 967 | 12 307 | 157 808 | 83 683 | 44.04 | 14.70 | 948.0 | 379.3 | 17 796 | 50 922 | 5 455 | 2 373 |
| Modena | 463 | 318 | 4 317 | 2 567 | 30 605 | 22 378 | 3.80 | 0.61 | 114.3 | 45.7 | 283 | 269 | 254 | 233 |
| Napoli | 7 615 | 4 587 | 20 804 | 10 697 | 130 759 | 68 867 | 44.15 | 27.99 | 684.2 | 273.8 | 7 800 | 7 795 | 7 592 | 7 567 |
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| Piacenza | 5 046 | 2 973 | 7 163 | 4 215 | 20 417 | 16 567 | 2.52 | 0.66 | 66.3 | 26.5 | 961 | 947 | 944 | 930 |
| Ravenna | 466 | 304 | 4 018 | 2 400 | 26 476 | 19 104 | 2.92 | 0.47 | 87.9 | 35.2 | 217 | 207 | 195 | 179 |
| Reggio-nell-em | 346 | 221 | 3 239 | 1 897 | 18 706 | 13 702 | 2.84 | 0.45 | 85.3 | 34.1 | 211 | 201 | 189 | 174 |
| Roma | 6 866 | 3 734 | 45 869 | 22 795 | 317 786 | 157 931 | 58.23 | 9.38 | 1 747.4 | 699.2 | 4 835 | 4 566 | 4 389 | 4 020 |
| Sassari | 316 | 179 | 2 059 | 1 157 | 12 437 | 7 863 | 2.53 | 0.40 | 75.9 | 30.4 | 188 | 179 | 169 | 155 |
| Siracusa | 859 | 593 | 3 548 | 2 331 | 16 182 | 9 521 | 2.72 | 0.44 | 81.8 | 32.7 | 202 | 193 | 182 | 167 |
| Terni | 115 | 52 | 3 878 | 2 410 | 29 875 | 24 501 | 2.32 | 0.37 | 69.6 | 27.9 | 172 | 164 | 155 | 142 |
| Torino | 1 985 | 1 234 | 20 264 | 10 586 | 115 691 | 68 998 | 29.67 | 13.48 | 624.1 | 249.7 | 2 973 | 2 933 | 2 811 | 2 738 |
| Trento | 336 | 195 | 2 791 | 1 559 | 14 619 | 11 716 | 2.18 | 0.35 | 65.6 | 26.2 | 162 | 154 | 146 | 134 |
| Venezia | 1 161 | 632 | 7 720 | 4 491 | 37 151 | 22 034 | 6.76 | 1.15 | 200.3 | 80.1 | 1 074 | 979 | 1 017 | 917 |
| Verona | 524 | 299 | 6 469 | 3 431 | 37 323 | 27 726 | 5.46 | 0.87 | 163.9 | 65.6 | 405 | 386 | 364 | 335 |
| Luxembourg | 1 643 | 1 402 | 2 939 | 1 670 | 12 194 | 7 510 | 2.63 | 0.62 | 39.1 | 17.9 | 200 | 153 | 177 | 129 |
| Amsterdam | 2 572 | 2 146 | 18 873 | 10 016 | 67 495 | 30 925 | 11.91 | 17.30 | 467.2 | 221.8 | 2 098 | 2 016 | 2 579 | 2 040 |

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| Apeldoorn | 149 | 20 | 3 515 | 1 549 | 12 859 | 6 160 | 1.62 | 2.35 | 63.5 | 30.2 | 285 | 274 | 351 | 277 |
| Dordrecht | 483 | 378 | 7 394 | 5 178 | 16 052 | 8 038 | 2.31 | 3.36 | 90.6 | 43.0 | 407 | 391 | 500 | 396 |
| Eindhoven | 2 354 | 1 609 | 23 970 | 10 845 | 26 539 | 13 751 | 4.47 | 6.20 | 167.4 | 79.5 | 752 | 722 | 924 | 731 |
| Haarlem | 206 | 48 | 2 287 | 1 534 | 10 392 | 5 762 | 2.31 | 3.35 | 90.6 | 43.0 | 407 | 391 | 500 | 395 |
| Heerlen | 387 | 103 | 3 522 | 1 959 | 16 940 | 9 301 | 2.93 | 4.25 | 114.8 | 54.5 | 516 | 495 | 634 | 501 |
| Kerkrade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nijmegen | 266 | 130 | 4 029 | 2 697 | 10 486 | 5 403 | 1.59 | 2.32 | 62.5 | 29.7 | 281 | 270 | 345 | 273 |
| Rotterdam | 11 756 | 14 848 | 32 563 | 24 229 | 72 419 | 37 249 | 12.50 | 18.16 | 490.5 | 232.8 | 2 203 | 2 116 | 2 707 | 2 142 |
| Vlaardingen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| s-Gravenhage | 538 | 65 | 7 844 | 4 481 | 35 238 | 16 773 | 9.24 | 10.92 | 294.9 | 140.0 | 1 324 | 1 272 | 1 628 | 1 288 |
| Utrecht | 577 | 131 | 15 158 | 7 351 | 41 455 | 19 858 | 6.01 | 8.59 | 231.9 | 110.1 | 1 042 | 1 001 | 1 280 | 1 013 |
| Zaanstad | 228 | 60 | 1 490 | 1 196 | 6 461 | 3 870 | 1.59 | 2.32 | 62.6 | 29.7 | 281 | 270 | 345 | 273 |
| Lisbao | 19 679 | 12 152 | 20 940 | 10 569 | 132 963 | 68 558 | 174.32 | 27.43 | 1 617.2 | 568.8 | 4 453 | 5 326 | 3 588 | 4 029 |
| Porto | 12 811 | 6 607 | 14 350 | 7 016 | 94 730 | 50 536 | 120.51 | 16.32 | 1 145.6 | 402.9 | 2 952 | 3 512 | 2 344 | 2 601 |
| Setubal | 331 | 177 | 748 | 391 | 5 032 | 3 493 | 10.57 | 1.38 | 101.1 | 35.6 | 204 | 258 | 149 | 177 |
| Goteborg | 2 663 | 1 989 | 14 009 | 8 496 | 42 813 | 20 425 | 13.99 | 3.99 | 505.2 | 319.7 | 2 500 | 2 208 | 2 461 | 2 154 |
| Jonkoping | 482 | 382 | 3 616 | 2 083 | 12 137 | 6 487 | 3.44 | 0.86 | 130.5 | 82.6 | 248 | 226 | 236 | 208 |
| Karlstad | 613 | 509 | 2 285 | 1 564 | 6 499 | 3 553 | 1.59 | 0.40 | 60.4 | 38.2 | 115 | 105 | 109 | 96 |
| Linkoping | 618 | 498 | 4 403 | 2 822 | 12 815 | 6 713 | 3.91 | 0.98 | 148.3 | 93.8 | 282 | 257 | 268 | 237 |
| Lund | 387 | 296 | 2 100 | 1 304 | 6 377 | 3 106 | 1.93 | 0.49 | 73.5 | 46.5 | 140 | 127 | 133 | 117 |
| Norrkoping | 536 | 417 | 3 630 | 2 209 | 12 040 | 6 181 | 3.69 | 0.93 | 140.1 | 88.6 | 271 | 247 | 259 | 228 |
| Orebro | 471 | 370 | 3 557 | 2 094 | 12 828 | 6 714 | 3.55 | 0.89 | 134.8 | 85.3 | 256 | 234 | 244 | 215 |
| Stockholm | 3 200 | 2 270 | 23 118 | 14 056 | 77 456 | 36 778 | 26.45 | 6.75 | 1 000.2 | 632.9 | 1 951 | 1 791 | 1 861 | 1 653 |
| Uppsala | 1 111 | 1 016 | 6 912 | 4 550 | 17 374 | 9 339 | 5.49 | 1.48 | 205.9 | 130.3 | 427 | 399 | 408 | 371 |
| Belfast | 8 658 | 3 719 | 10 884 | 5 583 | 44 093 | 15 683 | 7.75 | 1.63 | 209.2 | 90.4 | 858 | 615 | 787 | 521 |
| Bristol | 3 067 | 1 783 | 6 373 | 3 137 | 24 696 | 7 867 | 9.46 | 1.82 | 281.2 | 121.4 | 677 | 556 | 579 | 429 |
| Cardiff | 5 098 | 4 029 | 9 901 | 7 670 | 14 879 | 5 368 | 13.26 | 8.10 | 211.3 | 91.3 | 1 091 | 989 | 1 014 | 886 |
| Coventry | 2 506 | 1 557 | 2 859 | 1 923 | 9 181 | 3 147 | 7.17 | 1.38 | 213.1 | 92.0 | 516 | 425 | 442 | 328 |
| Doncaster | 42 526 | 12 389 | 19 986 | 8 692 | 17 445 | 6 218 | 8.16 | 1.81 | 206.0 | 89.0 | 878 | 625 | 809 | 531 |
| Edinburgh | 5 352 | 3 157 | 10 849 | 6 313 | 39 385 | 12 112 | 10.51 | 2.02 | 312.4 | 134.9 | 752 | 618 | 644 | 477 |
| Glasgow | 6 620 | 3 532 | 18 427 | 9 058 | 75 147 | 22 368 | 23.10 | 10.22 | 478.9 | 206.8 | 5 123 | 5 031 | 4 951 | 4 763 |
| Greater-Manche | 56 022 | 32 533 | 43 117 | 29 948 | 101 900 | 35 649 | 62.52 | 11.24 | 1 633.6 | 705.5 | 4 299 | 3 487 | 3 714 | 2 663 |
| Kingston-u-Hull | 6 452 | 4 500 | 8 794 | 5 686 | 24 218 | 7 768 | 6.45 | 1.29 | 189.6 | 81.9 | 488 | 404 | 422 | 318 |
| Leicester | 5 235 | 3 004 | 7 073 | 3 697 | 25 660 | 8 124 | 6.98 | 1.35 | 206.6 | 89.2 | 534 | 429 | 462 | 336 |
| Liverpool | 32 947 | 23 018 | 26 669 | 20 613 | 56 356 | 19 985 | 37.63 | 10.09 | 992.7 | 428.7 | 4 331 | 3 695 | 3 962 | 3 218 |
| London | 163 139 | 68 795 | 169 096 | 90 755 | 492 958 | 162 257 | 306.80 | 83.80 | 7 444.4 | 3 214.9 | 23 138 | 17 777 | 20 530 | 14 161 |
| Nottingham | 2 924 | 1 654 | 5 146 | 2 566 | 22 626 | 7 031 | 6.69 | 1.29 | 198.9 | 85.9 | 479 | 394 | 410 | 304 |
| Plymouth | 3 423 | 2 198 | 10 284 | 6 146 | 35 064 | 11 509 | 6.06 | 1.16 | 180.2 | 77.8 | 434 | 356 | 371 | 275 |
| Sheffield/Roth | 5 441 | 3 050 | 11 588 | 5 731 | 44 001 | 13 908 | 40.73 | 24.40 | 553.8 | 239.2 | 2 865 | 2 616 | 2 657 | 2 304 |
| Southampton/e | 2 450 | 1 547 | 4 508 | 2 433 | 15 941 | 4 825 | 9.72 | 5.06 | 149.1 | 64.4 | 2 481 | 2 201 | 2 401 | 2 103 |
| Stevenage | 1 220 | 648 | 1 597 | 836 | 5 521 | 1 749 | 1.77 | 0.34 | 52.7 | 22.7 | 127 | 104 | 108 | 80 |
| Stoke on Trent | 7 568 | 3 062 | 9 166 | 4 268 | 35 773 | 11 134 | 16.29 | 2.99 | 265.8 | 114.8 | 906 | 723 | 795 | 524 |
| Sunderland | 4 135 | 2 523 | 3 954 | 2 915 | 11 390 | 3 922 | 13.33 | 1.67 | 209.3 | 90.4 | 622 | 506 | 531 | 334 |
| Teesside | 18 675 | 13 277 | 18 894 | 17 562 | 26 120 | 11 650 | 41.42 | 30.31 | 268.7 | 116.0 | 8 394 | 8 364 | 8 262 | 8 072 |
| Tyneside | 14 930 | 7 737 | 11 743 | 8 207 | 29 846 | 10 338 | 19.06 | 3.80 | 546.7 | 236.1 | 1 527 | 1 205 | 1 339 | 958 |
| West-Midlands | 22 569 | 12 191 | 22 288 | 14 327 | 63 316 | 21 819 | 55.63 | 10.06 | 1 465.1 | 632.7 | 3 926 | 3 166 | 3 403 | 2 432 |
| West-Yorkshire | 48 503 | 24 606 | 35 098 | 21 976 | 89 891 | 30 338 | 36.64 | 7.15 | 1 073.0 | 463.4 | 2 754 | 2 220 | 2 383 | 1 735 |